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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Geneva Stalemate

THE general hope was that the current Sino-American talks in Geneva would produce a detente after so many years of anxious tension. It would be misleading to suggest that an insoluble deadlock is now inevitable but the complications bedevilling progress at this stage must come as a sharp disappointment. It is galling to read that doubt and pessimism are reasserting themselves in Washington after such a promising start to the talks and so soon after the new spirit of hope and optimism generated at the recent "summit" meeting. And it is intensely annoying to note Peking's imprudent needling of the Americans by repeated suggestions that Chinese nationals in the United States are being forcibly detained there.

At present it is difficult to know which country has contributed more to the present impasse. If the American attitude has at times appeared sternly wooden and uninspiring—particularly her curiously fussy objection to employing India as a third party in the proposed repatriation scheme—it is probably because so little of the official proceedings have been publicly released. News agency speculation is a poor and unreliable substitute particularly as some groups are active participants in a lobby opposing concessions to Peking.

CHINA has unnecessarily raised a number of extraneous issues which has complicated the subject beyond all expectation. This naturally provokes American suspicion. China, for her part, is not wholly convinced that America is doing as much as she could to help her nationals desiring to return to their homeland; it is therefore fair that her request for a more thorough inquiry be granted. America stands to lose nothing by it and obviously there is no doubt about which way of life the vast majority of Chinese emigres prefer.

Mr Dulles, once so tragically immutable in his distrust of the Communists, has not yet lost hope of success, however, and despite frustrating obstacles the talks are to continue. This is the most heartening sign. But the real tragedy will come if ever Chinese vacillation succeeds in provoking the Secretary of State to hostile denunciation of their tactics. There is a limit to any man's patience and at the best of times Mr Dulles wears a mood of sweet reason awkwardly and self-consciously.

KNOWING this, it is questionable whether it is really advisable to prolong the talks on this single issue. Might not repatriation profitably be linked with some other question which the two countries will have to discuss ultimately if normal relations are ever to exist? The Americans must consider the dangers of needless attrition. After all the intrinsic value of the talks lies less in the immediate solution of current problems than in creating harmony and establishing a basis of confidence as a prerequisite for future discussions.

But the importance of solving this specific problem should not be underestimated for it is about the least thorny of all nettles which both countries must grasp. The world watches the proceedings at Geneva with hope but it is worthwhile stressing that the outlook will continue discouraging until both countries rid themselves of present delusions. Finally, the process of renewing contacts has only begun and it is illogical to expect sudden reconciliation as the immediate result. In time it will come about but only with gradual, patient and most circumspect effort by both sides.

More Violence In French North Africa

Paris, Aug. 21.

Fresh violence flared up again in French North Africa today. Nationalist rioters clashed with security forces in a renewal of the bloody fighting which yesterday claimed at least 739 lives.

French troops, planes and tanks engaged Moroccan nationalists in "bitter fighting" today at Khouribga, a phosphate mining town 75 miles from Casablanca. The authorities announced there had been casualties in the new fighting but no numbers were announced.

In Algeria where at least 460 rebels and 69 troops were killed yesterday in mass attacks on 25 towns and villages, French authorities reported all was quiet today. They said the rebel attacks in the Constantine department have been "stamped out" and troops had regained full control.

No official casualty figures have been announced in Morocco, where demonstrations yesterday marked the second anniversary of the deposition of the popular Sultan, Mohammed Ben Yussef. At least 210 people, including 52 Europeans, are known to have been killed in riots throughout the protectorate.

Meanwhile, French and Moroccan political leaders were gathering in the Alpine Spa town of Aix-les-Bains for a week-long conference to discuss the future of the troubled North African protectorate. The French Premier, M. Edgar Faure, flew to Aix-les-Bains this afternoon to join the Foreign Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, and three other high-ranking ministers in the discussions with about 40 Moroccan leaders representing all parties.

They will try to work out a representative government for the protectorate, now run by a Franco-Moroccan administration under the Resident-General, M. Gilbert Grandval, who ranks as Foreign Minister to the aged Sultan, Mohammed Ben Arafa.

Khouribga Riots

In Algeria, which politically cannot be treated like Morocco, since it is part of Metropolitan France and not a protectorate, French troops were still gathering up the dead on yesterday's numerous battlefields.

The number of Moroccan dead in demonstrations in Casablanca yesterday was announced tonight as 35.

Violent disturbances continued this evening in Khouribga where several factories and public buildings were on fire. European residents sheltered in the town hall. Armoured cars rescued Europeans living on outlying farms.

The disturbances began early today when Berber tribesmen from nearby encampments arrived in the town to shop at the weekly market. Soon groups of shouting demonstrators began to move into the European quarter.

Bursts of machine-gun fire and explosions could be heard coming from the dense huddle of huts in the Moroccan quarter. Two Vampire fighters of the French Air Force swooped low over the burning houses to machinegun demonstrators.

Pall Of Smoke

Returning pilots said a thick pall of smoke hung over the whole region.

"It looks as if a giant flamethower had squirted over everything," one pilot said.

Every railway station along the 25-mile line between Khouribga and Oued Zem was on fire. Even level crossings were torn up and lay twisted on the track.

A spokesman gave the official toll of casualties in Khouribga as three Europeans dead, including two women, and five injured.

"Many" Moroccans were killed by security guards, he said. Damage to property was extensive.

Disturbances were reported later tonight from Meknes. No details were available.—Reuter.

2,000 HK LABOURERS TO HELP BUILD RUNWAY

Kai Tak Construction Scheme Explained

Hongkong will play a big part in the new Kai Tak aerodrome scheme. About 2,000 labourers will be employed and apart from special technical equipment and trucks which will be imported, as much raw material as possible will be obtained locally.

The Managing Director of Gammon (Malaya) Ltd, Brigadier S. A. Westrop, said this at a press conference in Hongkong this morning.

The work will be undertaken by two firms: Gammon and the French company, Societe Francaise d'Enterprise de Dragages et de Travaux Publics. The $90 million contract will be divided about equally between the two companies.

Gamon will undertake land excavation and the construction of the runways and other works on the reclamation while the French company will do the dredging of more than 12 million cubic yards of sand from Kowloon Bay to form the bed of the runway.

The work will take three years and part of the Kowloon hills will be cut away to provide flying clearance and further "fill material" for the runway.

HUGE DREDGERS

At a joint conference attended by representatives of the French company including the managing director M. A. F. Brisse, the manager of the Far Eastern branch, M. G. A. Barthe, and two dredging engineers, M. J. P. Oules and M. M. F. Voison, Brigadier Westrop and M. Brisse made these points:

- **two huge dredgers—the largest of their kind to come to the Fast East are being towed from France to Hongkong by tugs to undertake dredging work in Kowloon Bay. They are expected to arrive in three months' time;**
- **hopper barges, tugs and other floating plant to the value of $5-6 million are to be built and it is hoped to place orders for this equipment from shipyards in the Colony.**
- **although this is not the biggest project undertaken by the French company, the new Kai Tak scheme provides some unusual features, particularly the removal of mud from the site of the runway extending into Kowloon Bay and its replacement by sand to lay a firm and level foundation;**
- **a start on the project has been made, but this is mainly preliminary. Materials have been ordered, and special plant is being exported, but actual reclamation will not begin for several months until the necessary equipment arrives.**

DAY AND NIGHT

When the dredging equipment arrives, work will go on day and night in Kowloon Bay.

This is what will happen: mud will be dredged from the runway site and deposited in Junk Bay. At the same time another dredger with 100 two-ton capacity buckets will draw sand from depths down to 75 ft in Hum Hom Wan (opposite the Whampoa Dock company) to replace the mud.

At the same time a fleet of excavators, tractors and tipping lorries will go to work on the shore to dig away part of the Kowloon hills to prepare the site for the new aerodrome.

"The main problem is to get sufficient sand in order to fill the runway site. Unless the mud is taken out and sand put in, there will be settlement. The problem is to get the runway level to the end," said Brigadier Westrop.

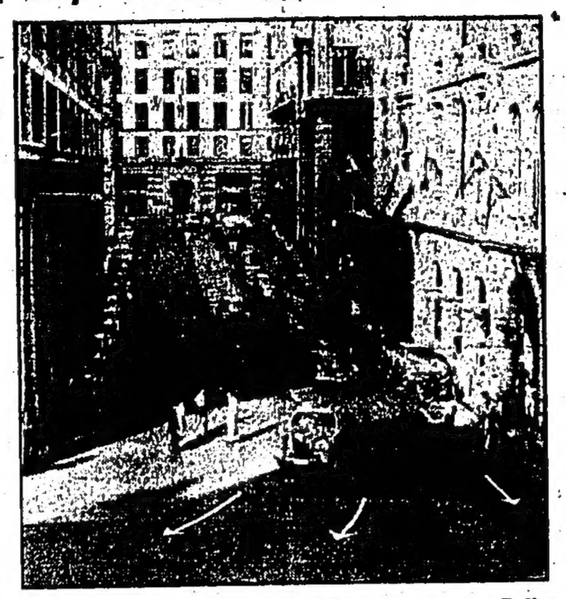
"The other problems present no unusual difficulty."

The French company, Brigadier Westrop added, had undertaken far bigger schemes. In Indo-China one project required the removal of 100 million cubic yards of soil as against only 12 million cubic yards in the Kai Tak scheme.

The company had also completed contracts in Thailand and Egypt (where it was involved in work on the new Suez diversion canal) and for a £30 million diversion and hydro-electric project in the Rhone valley.

Speaking on employment of local labour, Brigadier Westrop said although it was estimated that about 2000 men would be employed, this depended to a very large extent on how much labour the sub-contractors employed. (Cont. on back page, Col. 5)

City Traffic Experiment



This morning the Police traffic department started an experiment in Pedder Street, with a one-way movement of vehicular traffic from south to north, and the provision of parking spaces on both sides of the highway. Our picture, taken by a staff photographer, shows the new arrangement in operation.

Southern Sudan Uprising

ORDER RESTORED IN JUBA

Khartoum, Aug. 21.

Government troops have restored order in Juba in the Southern Sudan but communications have not yet been established with Torit, centre of the mutiny, Defence Force Headquarters announced in a communique tonight.

Government reinforcements continue to arrive in Juba, it said.

A communique issued by the Cabinet said that two rebel corps which had been stationed in Juba took to the woods and were travelling toward Yei, 80 miles to the East. It added that clashes were believed to have occurred in Yei, as well as the towns of Meridi, Tambio and Andara in Equatoria Province.

Loyal government forces, supported by mechanised units, drove through swampy forest lands seeking a showdown battle with about 1,000 mutinous troops.

The strong force of loyal troops, airlifted from Khartoum, appeared aimed at splitting the insurgents, who are spread over a 150-mile area. The rebels are believed to hold Yei, about 25 miles from the Belgian Congo border, and Torit, east of the Nile.

Already, said the sparse reports arriving here, government troops have recaptured Juba on the White Nile, roughly halfway between Torit and Yei. They are now driving on Torit to break the mutineers' flank, said reports received here.—United Press.

EGYPT'S PROPOSAL

Cairo, Aug. 21.

Egypt today officially proposed to Britain that British and Egyptian troops be sent to the South Sudan to restore order after the outbreak of mutiny there.

The proposal was made by Major Salah Salem, Egyptian Minister in charge of Sudan affairs, when he saw the British Ambassador in Egypt, Sir Humphrey Trevelyan, for the second time here tonight.

Major Salem added: "The British Ambassador also discussed with me the possibility of the holding of a plebiscite for Sudanese self-determination instead of elections for a constituent assembly as laid down in the Sudan agreement."

APPEAL TO LEADERS

He said his proposal for an all-Sudanese round table conference would succeed in finding a "peaceful solution" to the situation in the South. He appealed to all Sudanese leaders to "forget the past" and work whole-heartedly and earnestly for the future of their country.

"Every minute lost will complicate the situation further," he said.

Asked whether Britain and Egypt had reached agreement on the plebiscite proposal, Major Salem replied: "I understand the British side has not yet reached a final decision on this subject.

"As for Egypt, she will accept any decision the Sudanese may take."—Reuter.

KRUSHCHEV IN BUCHAREST

Moscow, Aug. 21.

Mr Nikita Krushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, today arrived in Bucharest at the invitation of the Rumanian government, the Soviet Tass news agency said.

He is to take part in the celebrations of the eleventh anniversary of the day Rumania was "liberated by the Soviet Army from the Fascist yoke," the Tass announcement stated.—Reuter.

SHIP DETAINED

Manila, Aug. 22.

Philippine Navy authorities reported last night the detention of a Formosan fishing vessel off Cagayan de Oro Province. No further details were given. —France-Presse.

Schooner Ablaze

Flushing, Aug. 21.

The three-masted Danish schooner Hans Egede caught fire off the Dutch coast tonight, but reports from shore stations said all crew members had been saved.

The 303-ton schooner was reported "fully ablaze" less than two miles off the coast by the Dutch shipping radio at Scheveningen. The radio said the German vessel Latona rescued the crew.—United Press.

16 Convicts Stage Riot

Lincoln, Nebraska, Aug. 21.

Sixteen rebellious convicts, ring-leaders of a 18-hour riot at the Nebraska State Penitentiary five days ago, rioted and set fire to the prison segregation building today before being subdued by gunfire.

Prison guards, armed with shotguns and backed by National Guardsmen stationed at the prison since last Tuesday's riot, moved in quickly and forced the rioters to surrender after firing a series of blasts into the side of the building.

No one was injured and the building was only slightly damaged.

Warden Joseph Bovey said he ordered the guards to open fire "to show them we meant business."

"Everything is under control," he said.

The riot was the third in the strife-torn prison in five months.

Last March 27, eight Nebraska convicts held two guards and a fellow prisoner hostage in the segregation building for 65 hours.

Last Tuesday, more than 200 yelling convicts ran amok in the prison yard, destroying five buildings with fire, and then retreated into one of the prison's two cell block buildings.

Prison officials, under the personal direction of Governor Victor Anderson, broke both riots with a watch-and-wait tactic.—United Press.

Civic Fathers Become Road Cleaners

Manchester, Aug. 21.

The civic fathers of Whalley, a village 30 miles north of Manchester, turned road sweepers at crack of dawn today—and by breakfast time had cleared the main street of week-end litter.

Whalley (population: 1,376) is one of Lancashire's busiest villages at summer weekends but the rubbish which tourists leave behind sticks around till Monday.

The parish council has no power to spend money on street cleaning—and the county council's policy is opposed to Sunday work.

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr Arnold Brooks, who is 52, led a team of a dozen amateur street cleaners today. Two women — one of them the wife of a local doctor—helped the sweeping squad.

Mr Brooks now plans to call a village meeting to organise an anti-litter rota. "We are proud of the village," he said today, "and I don't think there will be any lack of volunteers." —China Mail Special.

Record Heat Wave

New York, Aug. 21.

The current heat wave broke another New York record today.

The mercury hit 92.8 (F) degrees at 4.50 p.m. to set a new record for August 21. The last record was 92 degrees, set in 1937.

This marked the 19th day this year that it was hotter than 90 degrees, equalling the record set in 1944. One more 90-plus day will make this the hottest summer ever recorded here.—United Press.

Macao Elections

Macao, Aug. 22.

Elections for three seats in the Macao Legislative Council were held yesterday.

Elected to serve four-year terms were Messrs Jose Marcos Betalho, Antonio Nolasco da Silva and Damiao da Oliveira Rodrigues.—France-Presse.

LOOTERS ADD TO THE MISERY

Floods Death Toll Nearly 200

New York, Aug. 21.

The death toll in the eastern US seaboard's record floods soared toward the 200 mark on Sunday while thousands of persons in the disaster area battled for survival against water shortages, food spoilage and threats of disease.

The toll stood at 192 dead and well over 100 missing in the floods that wiped out homes, businesses and industries in eight states and made a shambles of roads and farms.

The breakdown showed: Pennsylvania, 96 dead; Connecticut, 64; New York, four; Massachusetts, 19; Rhode Island, 19; Delaware, one; New Jersey, six and Virginia two.

In hard-hit Connecticut alone, officials said 61 persons were still missing.

Those who survived the floods were caught in the grip of a battle not only against the perils of the disaster itself but man-made problems as well.

LOOTERS ACTIVE

Looters pilfered abandoned homes, businesses and factories in low areas, helping themselves to everything they could lay their hands on. Nineteen persons were arrested for looting in a single Connecticut town.

Sightseers hampered rescue and rehabilitation work by clogging highways for first-hand looks at the flood damage. Officials, particularly in New Jersey, begged Sunday drivers to go home and ride somewhere else.

State police tried to detour the drivers to other sections and radio stations broadcast pleas for them to stay away.

No lives were lost in Putnam, Connecticut, near Hartford, but that town of 9,000 population suffered the loss of its three major industries in fires. A textile mill, magnesium plant and button factory that gave the town its economic life blood all were wiped out.—United Press.

Satyagrahis Beaten Up

London, Aug. 21.

The Indian Information Service said today that the Indian Satyagrahis (Peaceful Invaders) bore marks of "severe beatings" after being thrown out of the Portuguese enclave of Goa.

The official government news service, in a broadcast monitored here, reported that 71 of the 82 Satyagrahis who marched over the Goan border in the first of three such invasions on Friday have been ejected from the enclave.

"They were picked up at various points along the border," the information service said. "Most of the Satyagrahis had marks of severe beatings."

Six were so seriously injured, the agency said, that they required hospital treatment.

The Indian agency also said that a second group of Satyagrahis, 104 strong, who entered Goa on Friday had been surrounded by Portuguese police "after a march of several hours."

They were all arrested and are being held in the enclave, the information service said.—United Press.

3 JOURNALISTS MURDERED

Revolting Tribes Prepare Road Ambush

(By A.F.P. Correspondent Jean Chauvel)

Meknes, Aug. 21.

The three French journalists assassinated last night on the road from Kenifra to Kasbah Tadla, some two miles from the capital of the Zaian country, fell into an ambush prepared by horsemen of the "Ichkern" tribes, who had joined the revolt of the Zaian tribes.

It was myself and Pathe Journal correspondent Pierre Shoendoerffer who left Kenifra shortly after 8 p.m. for Oued-Zem, who found the car of Andre Leveuf and his two colleagues.

After passing a stone barricade six miles from Kenifra, we were stopped a few miles further on by a big wall of quarry stones strewn across the road at a corner. In the middle of the stones there was a black car, its rear left door open.

Being unarmed and recognising the car of our colleagues, who had left Kenifra about 5 p.m. with reels taken by the Pathe Journal reporter of the day's happenings—films which, like all other things in the car, had disappeared—we turned back to Kenifra and alerted the area colonel and asked him to organise a patrol.

Bren Carriers

Five Bren gun carriers and one containing Spahis were soon on their way, accompanied by Schoendoerffer and myself.

Arriving at the barricade, the carriers took up positions across the road, their lights levelled on a ravine a little lower.

The detachment's commander quickly organised a foot patrol to search for Leveuf, Ladeveze and Jourdain. About 20 yards from the road, by the light of their pocket torches, the Spahis saw sheets of white paper and a copy of the August 16 edition of France-Soir. Then they found Andre Leveuf's identity papers torn into a thousand pieces.

The way was now pointed by a veritable paper trail and, finally, about a mile from the road, a Spahi, in the light of his torch, saw a body, its arms extended. At first we thought it was that of Andre Leveuf but, in fact, it was Roland Jourdain, the National Broadcasting Company's string correspondent in Rabat.

The feet were bare and Jourdain had been searched.

After scouring the neighbouring area, the patrol took the body back to the carriers.

The Spahis told us that it was probable that many horsemen were lying in wait at all points of the mountain in the darkness, and that it would be dangerous to continue the search with such a small detachment. Consequently, we returned to Kenifra.

Half Hidden

There the colonel decided to send out at dawn today a party of Zaian partisans, led by a brother of the Caid of Kenifra, to search for Leveuf and Ledeveze.

At 0530 this morning, the party left for the mountains where they discovered the bodies of the two men, half hidden in a hole not far from the spot where Jourdain's body was found.

Their feet too were bare and they had been searched, their pockets being torn.

The bodies of the three journalists later was placed aboard a military lorry with that of a young Spahi, burned to death yesterday in the Arab quarter of Kenifra, and brought to Meknes. The bodies now lie in the town's civilian hospital.

Pakistan Day Celebrations

Shahrukh Khan, 4, and his seven-year-old sister Zamzam Khan, children of the Commercial Secretary of the Pakistan Government in London, sample the refreshments at the reception given by the High Commissioner, Mr M. Ikramullah, in celebration of the eighth anniversary of Pakistan independence. —Express Photo.

DRIVE TO UNITE ALL IRELAND

London, Aug. 21.

The next 12 months may see the start of a drive to unite all of Ireland and "reinstate" it in its "proper place among the nations of the world," a London spokesman for the Irish Nationalist Movement said today.

Joseph McConville, who describes himself as the London recruiter for the movement, told American Broadcasting Company correspondent Yale Newman that the problem is to get the bulk of the Irish population to take part in the struggle to unite northern Ireland with the Republic.

The interview was recorded for presentation to American listeners.

"I believe that progress has been made," he said, "and it will not be long before the Irish Republic can be reinstated in its proper place among the nations of the world."

He said the next 12 months may tell the story, "But I can't give you anything definite."

Option

McConville said that he was not actually recruiting men for the outlawed Irish Republican Army, but rather for the entire Republican Movement. He indicated that once a recruit joins, he may decide to join the military branch—the IRA—or work with the civil branch, the Sinn Fein Party.

While support has come from the United States, he said, more aid, particularly money, is needed.

"We have always received support from the Irish in America," he said, "but we don't really think that the Irish over there are putting their whole weight behind the campaign."—United Press.

PRESIDENT OF YMCA ELECTED

Paris, Aug. 21.

Mr Charles D. Sherman, a 37-year-old Liberian, was today elected first president of the World Council of the YMCA movement.

The YMCA World Council is the new policy making body of the YMCA World Alliance. It was brought into being under a new constitution for the youth movement, voted in Paris yesterday.

Mr Sherman is the economic adviser to the Liberian Government. He has represented his country at the United Nations Organisation, and was a member of the Liberian delegation to the recent Afro-Asian conference at Bandung, Indonesia.

He has been President of the Liberian YMCA for six years.—Reuter.

Nobody Wants Paganini Statue

Capetown, Aug. 21.

A magnificent 20ft. statue of Paganini can be had for the taking.

Some years ago the English sculptor, Mr W. Palmer, visited Johannesburg and carved the statue. It was offered to the Johannesburg Municipality, who rejected the offer as they "had nowhere to put it."

Mr N. J. Brummer, now a committee clerk at Harrismith, who was then employed by the Johannesburg Municipality, wrote to Mr Palmer in England and asked if he (Mr Brummer) could have the statue.

Mr Palmer agreed and now Mr Brummer, too, is apparently stuck with it, as he has offered it to other municipalities, who also have turned it down.

Mr Brummer says that the main dislike to this otherwise magnificent statue is the slightly sardonic, demonic look on Paganini's face.

The sculptor says that this represents the emotional Paganini, who, although known as the greatest technical violinist of his time, was stated to be a charlatan "possessed of the devil."—China Mail Special.

Simplified Spelling Failure

Chicago, Aug. 21.

THE Chicago Tribune announced today that it was abandoning most of its "simplified spelling" because it had complicated rather than simplified things for children learning to read.

For about 20 years, the Tribune has been spelling certain words phonetically—such as frate for freight, sherif for sheriff, tarif for tariff and photograf (but not fotograf) for photograph.

It explained in a leading article that it was returning to more conventional spelling "to spare school children any needless confusion in learning to spell."

The Tribune will continue to use tho, thru and thoro in preference to though, through and thorough.

It said: "We hoped that other publications would be attracted by the common sense and etymological rightness of sherif and tarif, for example, but this hope has been disappointed.

"The consequence is that children see the words spelled different ways, and some teachers have told us that this added to the normal difficulties of teaching and learning."—China Mail Special.

POP

Grin and bear it!

INDIA WILL NOT USE FORCE IN GOA

MR NEHRU

Question Can Be Solved By Peaceful Means

NEHRU HAS NO DOUBTS

Bombay, Aug. 21.

Mr Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, said at Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh state, today: "I have no doubt in my mind that we shall solve the question of Goa and free the people there from colonial oppression by peaceful methods."

Mr Nehru, who was addressing members of the Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee, said these methods appeared to take more time, but he was sure they were most practical in the end, and they represented a higher standard of international relations.

Mr Nehru added: "I am not a pacifist, nor is our Government. "If India is attacked, or any aggression takes place on India, we shall defend her with all our might, and we shall use our defence forces also for that purpose. But apart from this, we shall not resort to war."

Economic Measures

Mr Nehru said: "It is open to us to take economic measures against Goa, and we have taken many—and we may have more of them. It is open to us also to take other steps which have to be carefully considered."

All these, he said, were peaceful weapons. They were powerful, though they did not produce sudden results, he added.

In New Delhi, about 500 Indian Christians, including several members of parliament, today appealed to Christians of the West — particularly in Portugal—to oppose the "un-Christian attitude of the Portuguese Government towards Goa, and to exert their influence for a peaceful settlement of the Goa problem."

The appeal was made at a public meeting organised by Christian members of the Indian Parliament at Delhi's Constitution Club. A second resolution passed at the meeting said that Indian Christians "repudiate the claim of Dr Antonio Salazar (Portuguese Prime Minister) that continuation of Portuguese rule over Goa is in the interests of Christianity."—Reuter.

Atomic Secrets Released

Washington, Aug. 21.

THE Government today released nearly 1,000 hitherto secret or restricted reports on atomic energy research which can be put to peaceful uses.

The action was announced by the Secretary of Commerce, Mr Sinclair Weeks, whose department is co-operating with the Atomic Energy Commission in the new share the atoms with industry programme.

"The release of this information to American industry complements President Eisenhower's 'atoms for peace' programme on the home front," Mr Weeks said.

He added that it marked "the beginning of a wider participation of industry in atomic research and development."

First Step

As a first step in keeping American business acquainted with latest developments in industrial applications of the new energy, the Commerce Department's Office of Technical Services (OTS) made 961 AEC research reports immediately available.

These are in addition, the Commerce Department said, to information made public by this country at the international atomic energy conference which ended yesterday in Geneva.

Mr Weeks said about one-third of the reports made public today had "limited circulation" in the past, but the others had not been published at all.

Future AEC reports of a similar nature would be made available to industry regularly, Mr Weeks said, through the OTS.—Reuter.

ALLEGED MURDER OF KIKUYU

Trial Postponed

Nairobi, Aug. 21.

The hearing against two young European officers of the Kenya police who have been charged with murdering a Kikuyu prisoner which was to have opened tomorrow has been postponed until Wednesday.

The two officers are Inspector Antony Peter Fuller, 22, who comes from 71 Heathrop Road, Hampton, Middlesex, and Inspector Ormonde Dominick Patrick Waters, 28, born at Cork, Ireland, and later of 45, Seapoint Avenue, Monkstown County, Dublin.

They both joined the Kenya police in 1953.

Chief Inspector Geoffroy Philip Coppen, 25, of 122, Broadwater Road, Worthing, and District Officer William Robert Bosch, a South African, have been charged with doing bodily harm to the prisoner.

The hearing against them has also been postponed until Wednesday and their trial has been continued.—China Mail Special.

Saar Miners Will Reform Union

Saarbruecken, Aug. 21.

Pro-German trade unionists decided today to reconstitute the dissolved Miners' Trade Union in the Saarland, it was learned tonight.

Under the Franco-German Saar agreement, political parties and associations may again operate without first having to obtain a licence, and the miners propose to take advantage of this to set up their union again. Their interests have hitherto been looked after by a rival body founded in September 1953. Coal, with steel, is the leading product of the Saar.

Today's meeting of 80 trade unionists was held under the chairmanship of Herr Paul Kutsch, Chairman of the Miners' Union which was dissolved by the Saarland Government in March 1953. The Government then accused the Union of dabbling in politics and receiving money from West Germany to foment political strikes.

The political campaign leading up to the October 23 referendum, in which Saarlanders will vote for or against a European statute for the Saar, simmered down at the weekend, after a period of frayed tempers and unruly meetings.—Reuter.

RESTORATION OF RELATIONS

Jap Delegation In Peking

London, Aug. 21.

A six-member delegation of the Japanese National Council for the Restoration of Diplomatic Relations with China and the Soviet Union arrived in Peking by air today, according to the New China News Agency.

Headed by Fusanosuke Kuhara, the delegation has come to visit China at the invitation of the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs.

In a statement issued on his arrival, Kuhara declared — he and the other five delegates to China were in the vanguard of a Japanese national movement to promote normalisation of relations with China and the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

Recovery Of Arms

Arms and ammunition are carried out to waiting vans after armed Scotland Yard men and Special Branch Officers broke into a derelict shop in the Caledonian Road, London. There they found the bulk of the arms and the ammunition stolen by the IRA men in the raid on a British Army barracks at Arborfield, Berkshire. An all night vigil was kept by armed police officers after a report was received from two 12-year-old schoolboys, who stated that they had seen a van drive into the yard at the rear of a London shop which they knew should be empty. The boys climbed to the top of a wall and watched two men take some boxes out of a van and go into the basement. They also noticed that the locks had been changed. All the weapons and ammunition stolen in the Arborfield raid have now been recovered.—Express Photo.

Coloureds Protest In South Africa

RACIAL CLASSIFICATION

By Astley Hawkins

Johannesburg, Aug. 21.

More than 500 coloured people met here today to protest against official methods used for racial reclassification of the city's population.

Local leaders of the South African coloured people's organisation, who called the meeting on behalf of non-Europeans of mixed race, complained that a number of coloureds of mixed blood were being arbitrarily classified as Africans, jeopardising their right to skilled work and the other limited benefits of their race group, which fringes on white society.

The meeting passed a resolution of "deep anger and alarm" at "humiliating and degrading race tests" and arbitrary decisions which could "bring ruin to our people."

The resolution also protested that families were being divided and bread winners deprived of their jobs. Classification as Africans also meant children must change to African schools.

Rounded Up

Pamphlets distributed at the meeting said coloured people were being rounded up and questioned by officials about their parentage, their birthplace and what their mothers looked like.

They declared that on the basis of these and other questions and an examination of their hair and noses, officials are deciding that men and women who have lived as "coloureds" all their lives are now to be classified as Africans in the terms of the Nationalist Government's 1950 Population Registration Act, and must carry passes like Africans.

Johannesburg newspapers publish reports of some "coloureds having combs passed through their hair to test whether it is woolly like that of Africans, or being required to bend forward to see if a pencil will fall out when wedged in their hair."

Other reports say officials sometimes finger lobes of the ears, on the theory that Africans have soft lobes.

Test Case

Coloured leaders may seek a test case to establish whether some of the methods of classification are legal.

Indian, African and trade union organisations sent messages of "solidarity" to today's meeting.

There are about one million coloured people of mixed race in South Africa, originating from the early settlement days. Transvaal province has about 60,000, roughly half of them living in Johannesburg in their own communities.—China Mail Special.

Police Round Up Undesirables

New York, Aug. 21.

Detectives, plain clothesmen and policewomen and a special vice squad went into action last night in a new drive to pick up all known criminals and "undesirables" in the city.

The special vice squad was formed on Friday night to combat vice among "wayward" girls and investigate the possibility of policemen being implicated.

There have been three morals cases recently involving young girls and policemen. But there was no comment from the police on whether the new drive was connected with these cases.—China Mail Special.

Egyptians Received By Chou

London, Aug. 21.

Chinese Premier Chou En-lai, this afternoon received the Egyptian Minister of Trade and Industry Mohammed Abou Nosseir who heads the Egyptian Government trade delegation now in China, together with the other members of the delegation, according to the New China News Agency.

The Chinese Minister of Foreign Trade and his deputy as well as high Government officials were present.—Reuter.

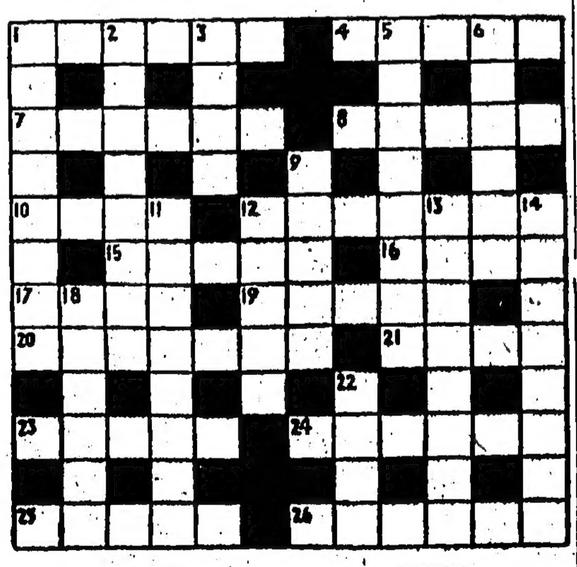
Surrendered To Nationalists

Taipei, Aug. 21.

A Red Chinese naval man surrendered to the Nationalist garrison command on Quemoy yesterday with two cases of Communist documents and newspapers, it was officially announced.

The Communist deserter, who gave his name as Li Chai-fa, said he had with him information of [illegible] Communist [illegible] the Western [illegible]

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Devotee (6).
4 Divert (5).
7 Beam (6).
8 Proclamation (5).
10 Transgressions (4).
12 Gets the better of (7).
15 Hinder (5).
16 Extent (4).
17 Notion (4).
19 Commonplace (5).
20 Superficial (7).
21 Reverberation (4).
23 Weight (5).
24 Part of the eye (6).
25 Category (5).
26 Likenesses (6).

DOWN

1 Word puzzle (8).
2 Protector (8).
3 Cook (4).
5 Muse (8).
6 Safe (6).
9 Ward off (5).
11 Matured (8).
12 Rhythm (5).
13 Building (8).
14 Russian tea-urns (8).
18 Cleaning cloth (6).
22 Expression (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 3 Retained, 8 Petrol, 9 Mailinger, 11 Demeanod, 12 Sign, 15 Scorn, 18 Ennui, 19 Used, 22 Selected, 24 Testator, 26 Kepler, 30 Sidereal. Down: 1 Spade, 2 Items, 3 Romance, 4 Elan, 5 Aria, 6 Nor-gin, 7 Daring, 10 Learn, 14 Onset, 15 Numeral, 16 Custom, 17 Reason, 20 Strip, 21 Adore, 22 Sale, 23 Lore.

PEOPLE DON'T CHANGE

FACT OR FICTION? Did this story really happen? All the tales in this series COULD be true — but can YOU sort the fact from the fiction? Tomorrow the answer will be published.

Madame Marie

IN my middle teens, which coincided, alas, with the infancy of the century, I became afflicted by an attack of wanderlust, which I assuaged in the only way open to me—hours of brooding over an atlas and yearning study of advertisements in personal columns. These held more enticement for the adventurous-minded than they do now, for English governesses were still in great demand in many strange places.

My interest was, to begin with, largely academic; I had no qualifications and it was highly unlikely that I should be allowed to leave home until, at the age of 18, I went to train for a career which was the very negation of all adventure. However, it so happened that when I was 17 I contrived, largely through slickness of pen, to pass an examination and was left, as it were, with a fallow year ahead.

A JOB

To remain at school seemed wasteful and uneconomic; I pointed this out to my mother so often, so persistently that at last, through sheer weariness, she said, "Very well then, get a job if you can find anyone to employ you."

A faded photograph of myself at that time lies before me as I write and explains the force of her conditional words. Let us skip the details of puppy-fat, incongruously linked to gangling length of limb, two enormous plaits and school uniform, not to mention an expression of immeasurable stupidity.

The fact remains that a Polish family commissioned an agency in London to find them an English governess for two girls aged nine and 11; the agency advertised; I saw the advertisement and wrote and was invited to go for an interview. I borrowed the fare to London from my brother, a "costume," as it was then called, from my elder sister, and put up my hair. Governesses must have been in short supply at the moment, for I got the job. There was considerable uproar in the family.

I was promptly and fully punished for the pangs and pains I had caused my mother, for, though momentarily adventurous, I was naturally timid and when, after what seemed an endless journey I arrived at my destination I was appalled; the place was so exactly like the background of Dracula, which in those innocent and remote days seemed the very ultimate of horror. The vast grey house, standing in miles and miles of dark pine forest, all the feudal state within it, the utter strangeness of everything, did call up thoughts of vampires and werewolves.

by NORAH LOFTS

BLESS THIS HOUSE is the latest book by Norah Lofts, who was born in East Anglia and was once a schoolmistress. She has been married twice and lives at Bury St. Edmunds. "If there were prizes for the dullest biography," she writes, "I would win one." Readers of this story may come to a very different conclusion.

Such imaginary terrors vanished, to give way to more rational things. I was far from happy. I failed to endear myself to the two girls; they knew no English, I knew no Polish; a knowledge of French was one qualification of the post and my French, which had seemed adequate for examination purposes, was infinitely inferior to theirs; they had had a French governess whom they had adored and they resented me. To their parents, aristocratic and immensely wealthy, I was just another hireling; and, being foreign, to the servants something not quite human.

Altogether it was a dreary year and the only part of it which I could remember with any pleasure afterwards was the month which Marie, an elder daughter, came to spend in her ancestral home.

She was only 20, but she had been married for two years and was the mother of a four-month-old child. She was still considered to be delicate and it was partly to try the recuperative quality of her native air and partly to exhibit the child to his grandparents that she had returned.

The languishing invalid threw the tray and the bowl of soup at the servant.

AN ANGEL

I thought her as beautiful as an angel. I also thought her—until she noticed me—completely spoilt, unbearably affected, vain, imperious and silly. All responsibility for the child was taken off her hands by a whole posse of nurses and maids who had come with her to augment the already unbelievable number of servants in the house, and she had nothing to do all day except to toy with bits of embroidery and read novels.

It was probably sheer boredom which decided her to improve her English by cultivating my acquaintance. She had had, in her time, an English governess and her knowledge of the grammar and the literature was quite impressive; the accent and the little oddities of phrase which she deplored I found fascinating and when, as she often did, she said: "Is wrong, correct please," I would mumble out the correction with the feeling that I was being impudent and sacrilegious.

WE LAUGHED

Possibly I exaggerated her kindness to me, but at least she knew my Christian name and called me by it; and we sometimes laughed together and talked about clothes and ways of doing the hair as though we were both human beings. And what that meant to me then cannot be exaggerated.

One day, towards the end of her visit, she was spending a day in bed, and sent for me to talk to her. She lay in bed looking, I thought, completely lovely and angelic with her hair and wearing a wrap that was a mass of ruched apricot-coloured satin and lace.

In the middle of the conversation a maid arrived bearing a tray upon which was set a covered bowl of soup—the first course of the invalid's light luncheon. When the cover was whisked away the odour of it reached me. It was chicken soup, it smelt delicious and set me thinking hungrily of my own approaching meal and hoping that the same soup would be served in the school-room.

Marie lifted the spoon, sipped—went into what I thought was a fit, screamed, broke into a gabble of Polish so rapid that I curling down to her shoulders could not recognise a word and then shouted, "The bell, ring it! Ring it! Ring the bell!"

A PROTEST

I did so. A maid ran in, was screamed at, mumbled a frightened protest, ran out and returned with another who was screamed at, who mumbled a frightened protest and who ran out, to return accompanied by a third. I stood by, gawping, thinking about the procession of servitors in The Jackdaw of Rheims and also about the Borgia poisonings.

And then the languishing invalid flung the tray and the bowl of soup at one servant, dealt a smart right-left at the others, a box on the ear for each and flung herself, sobbing, on the pillows. The three servants, all sobbing violently, gathered up the wreckage and trailed out of the room. There had been a hair, indubitably, disgustingly, unforgivably a hair in the soup and it had ruined the poor lady's appetite for the whole of the day!

DID IT HAPPEN? ?

And there were 40 years, 41 to be exact and there were two great wars and a social upheaval greater and wider than that brought about by the fall of Rome. I am middle-aged and go no more a-roaming. Two visits to London in a year is about my mark.

On one of these, in the autumn of last year, the friend with whom I spent the night spoke of her "little dressmaker," an expression which all women use as though their sewing was done by gnomes. This one was a Pole, a refugee, and she claimed, oddly enough, to have known me as a young woman. A book of mine, suitably inscribed, had happened to lie on the table when the poor little thing had come to do a fitting. Wasn't it a strange coincidence? Coincidence enough to set me agog.

"What is her name?"

"Something unpronounceable. We call her Madame Marie—that was the name she used when she had a little shop. She began with hats, but they didn't pay, so now she sews."

WEARY PATIENCE

The "Madame Marie" was still just discernible on the shabby paint over the window which now displayed sweets and cigarettes. The sad woman behind the counter said with weary patience, "Oh, yes. You go in the next door and up the stairs. I just have this lock-up and she lives over."

The stairs were bare and dirty, the door at the top unpainted, indescribably bleak; but there was the card, "Madame Marie, Dressmaking." I knocked on it, as timidly, I swear, as I had ever knocked on that other door.

She was indeed "little" now; grown old; 20 years at least older than her age and utterly unrecognisable.

As of old, it was she who was self-possessed. She called me by name; took my hand, said how agreeable it was to see me after all these years. She made me tea, boiling the water in a tin kettle on a gas-ring which stood on a bare wooden table. Nearby stood two old-fashioned flat-irons, the tools of her trade. She offered me—just as she had offered me luscious sweetmeats in the old days—a tin containing two biscuits, both broken, one of which, for courtesy's sake, I accepted. She spoke without a trace of self-pity. In resentment or embarrassment, of her state.

"Was fortunate," she said in the lilting voice that was all that remained of her many charms. "Was fortunate that I could sew a little and could speak English, some thanks for which are your due.

"Was very pleased when in Mrs Abbot's house I see the book and know that life has been to you more kind."

Everything in the little room indicated the direst poverty. The gas ring, one kettle, one small saucepan; what did she cook? How often?

"My train," I said, "does not leave until half past eight this evening and I am alone in London. Will you have dinner with me?"

"But with such pleasure. Is most kind. Where, and what hour?"

That proverb about fools rushing in where angels fear to tread is pernicious rubbish; angels tread firmly, fools go niggling along. I should have said, boldly, "the Savoy Grill," but I did not. I thought of transport; I thought, heaven forgive me, of clothes; and I mentioned a small though not inexpensive restaurant within walking distance of where we stood. I knew it; it had a good reputation; it was, well let's say Continental, and its sartorial standards were unexacting. I honestly looked forward to giving her one really good filling meal.

So we met, and in the diminutive ante-room, drank dry Martinis and nibbled olives and salted almonds. Out of the bent, battered, shrivelled frame of her something of the old spark flashed. She had spent 16 months in Ravensbruck, that infamous place, "was disgusting!" she said.

We moved in to the pinklamped table. She ordered soup, minestrone, and I was glad, for that is a nourishing dish. I chose the same, pretending an avidity which I did not, actually, feel. And to follow? Sole bonne femme and steak Chateaubriant. Splendid, I thought . . . a sound, good meal. I thrust aside, having learned the nonsense of sentiment, the thought of all those hungry years. . . .

UNWIPED

All right, you've guessed it. . . . but if you guessed "hair in the soup," you are wrong. A true-life story mustn't have too many coincidences, and that would have been too much. But it is true that the soup was set down, and the waiter asked in the traditional manner whether madam wished for cheese and he grated in the Parmesan with tender care. And Madame Marie took up her spoon, looked at it, looked at me, smiled, made an apologetic gesture.

"Am sorry. Is dirty spoon," she said.

And I looked and saw one of those spoons which so many diners-out take for granted, washed in a washing-up machine, carelessly rinsed, unwiped, returned to the table with a small grey circle, a ghost smear haunting the bowl of it.

They brought a fresh spoon; they brought more soup because the first instalment had cooled . . . . they did all that was in their power to do; but it was useless. All appetite had flown.

I have called this story "People Don't Change," but of course that is a lie. She had changed a little. Nobody's ears were boxed. Or were they? Were mine?

DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

YES | NO

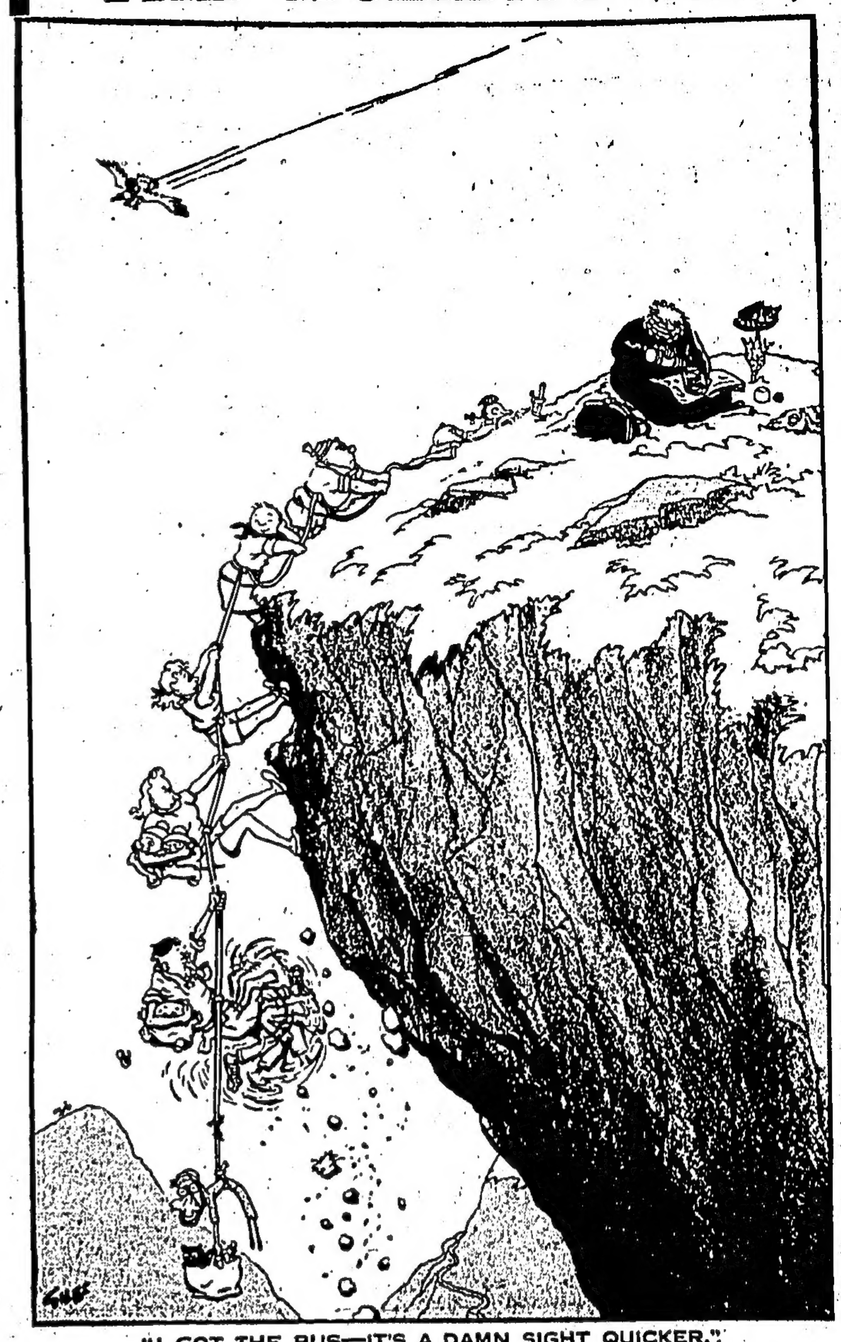
● Put your vote in the space above and keep this panel by you until tomorrow when the answer will be given—with another story in this series by

John Jewett

● Did Saturday's story—The Mackintosh, by John Verney—actually happen? The answer is NO.

Don't miss the Giles Family's adventures . . .

THE HOLIDAY (contd.)



"I GOT THE BUS—IT'S A DAMN SIGHT QUICKER."
London Express Service

Russell Spurr: Inside the People's China

I TRIED to LOOK BRAVE ON THIS PLANE TRIP

AIR travel is perfectly safe in China. Everyone tells me so. There are fewer crashes per passenger mile than anywhere else in the world. That's what everyone says.

I only wish I could believe them.

I am not ordinarily a nervous air traveller. I reckon I have flown 80,000 miles in the past nine months.

It's only when I see a nut-happy Chinese mechanic pulling vital parts out of the vintage Dakota I'm booked to travel in, that I begin a mental check-up on my insurance policies.

I began checking very hard at Canton airport. The plane simply didn't look fit to fly.

Air travel is still an expensive luxury in China. The Communists have concentrated on restoring and expanding the railways and that is still the way most people travel.

Services with Lease Lend American Dakotas were only opened to the main cities of China at the beginning of this year. They run infrequently and irregularly. The slightest sign of bad weather suspends all flights or sets the wretched passengers down at a far distant airport.

Surprised Men

There seems to be a deliberate policy to encourage journeying by rail.

The Dakota that was to take me to Peking was undergoing a final check when I handed over my luggage. The big bare booking terminal was quite empty apart from a Chinese family who proved to be travelling with me.

The loudspeakers ground out some Russian tune. It was an old record, unheeded, because someone kept putting it on again and again. The Chinese staff somewhere behind the scenes had their own music on the radio. One of those gong clashing Chinese operas, that scarcely blended with Cossack groans.

Not, at least, at six o'clock in the morning.

Two oil-stained men out on the apron had got the engine cover back in place. It took a little hammering. One of them produced a coil of baling wire from his pocket and fiddled about beneath the nacelle.

He stepped back, wiping his hands on some gauze, while his colleague turned the propeller. They both seemed surprised to see it go round.

Agonising Climb

That was the cue for luggage and passengers and we were stowed aboard together at the same time. The only difference between us was that the luggage was roped down. The living freight perched precariously on tin boxes on either side of the plane. A casual young man, who turned out to be the co-pilot, came out and checked our frayed safety straps.

The Dakota warmed up lazily at the end of the runway and suddenly trundled into the air. The wheels came up into the body with a shuddering thump before we were off the concrete. The wings flapped, the framework creaked as a slow agonising climb began over ricefields, treetops and a fast approaching ridge of rocky hills.

I wondered if I looked as frightened as my fellow passengers.

But, of course, they weren't frightened. They were all feeling ill. The anxieties of the next three bumpy hours to Hankow were forgotten in the scurrying for paper bags and glasses of water.

The sun had seized control of Hankow airfield. It beat down on the bedazzling runway, onto the limp mechanics who again began to tamper with the plane.

We were alone on the field. A solitary security guard came out to protest; he apparently glad to have something to do. A busy little officer demanded my passport and took it away in his finger tips as though he were afraid of contamination.

The new Hankow airport building is hardly bigger than a goodsized city bus terminal. But it displays a life-size statue of Mao Tse-tung in greying white plaster and yards of the maroon plush curtains now being condemned under the latest government economy drive.

More music, Beethoven this time, and a flattering but unpalatable attempt at Western cooking. Who ever persuaded the world's best cooks that foreigners live on frizzled cutlets, bedraggled cabbage and banana fritters? Fortunately, I wasn't hungry. Who could be, watching the puzzled little group pondering over the small pile of parts they'd removed from the same troublesome engine?

Perhaps they'd give up at last and re-route us by train? But no, someone suddenly solved the problem with a flourish and back everything went inside.

More turning of the propeller, more urgent discussions. The pilot came out to watch, smoking a cigarette and leaning nonchalantly on a fuelling truck. At last he strolled yawning underneath the engine, nodded vaguely and waved to the control tower.

Into The Clouds

I tried to look brave as I got aboard for the last lap to Peking.

Another breath-taking take-off, complicated by a long climbing turn over the Yangtse. The great twin cities of Hankow and Wuchang spun perilously close; I caught an uncomfortably intricate glimpse of rail sidings, broad streets and river steamers before the Dakota staggered into the clouds.

The Chinese family relapsed into desolate postures around the cabin. They hardly stirred until we bumped down upon Peking's busy airport.

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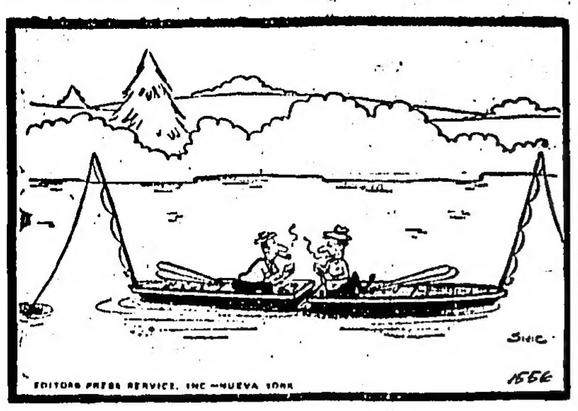
TOMORROW:
The City of Secrecy.



• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

DEFENDING women's natural dignity a writer says, 'There are no female clowns.' Not even in private life. Nobody has ever seen a woman at a party waggling her ears to amuse the children, or imitating a train coming out of a tunnel.

The clowning of women is unconscious clowning, as when they wear ludicrous little hats and shoes, baste their eyelids with grease, and arrange their hair in the form of a nest built by demented birds. All this is not intended to be funny, as you can discover by listening to their talk.

I watched the other day a girl walking painfully along. She had on a kind of sandal, with no stockings. At every step her bare heel came right out of the sandal, which had high heels. She looked as though she were walking on broken glass—but she had no idea it was funny.

Smogworthy defended

DEAR SIR,

No doubt Mr Suet's idea of a Bacchanalian orgy is a discussion on Kafka's sense of values over a double milk. Nothing very shocking goes on in our Smogworthy Gasworks. As the author of the scheme for a Gasworks Fairy Princess, I may, perhaps be allowed to assure the critics that Miss Slopcorner will merely point her wand at the container which will at once be floodlit. She will then receive a bouquet from the daughter of the night watchman and be entertained to tea by the Women's Cultural Club. If that suggests riotous hooliganism to your readers, then they do not know Smogworthy.

Yours truly,
Councillor F. L. Bubblewhite.

Evans the Hearse challenged

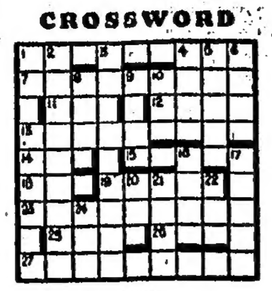
EVANS the Hearse, who holds the Ravenscroft Belt for nasal pea-pushing, has been challenged by Nogulko the 'Eersatabian' Eel." Those who have seen Nogulko in action say that his nose threads its way across country like an eel among water-weeds, and that his control of the pea raises pea-pushing from a sport to an art. The contest will take place on the western face of Snowdon. He corners on one nostril, and is credited with a record propulsion of nine yards, two feet, eight and a half inches on level ground. He won the Golden Pea at the Helsinki Games last year, and has defeated the French champion, Marcel Desnarines, in a road-race from Agay to La Mortola.

Wisdom of the East.

No man is so careless of his future as the postman who wins a long-distance walking race.

(Arab proverb.)

CROSSWORD



Across

1. He's the head of a college. (9)
7. It's often said about a good memory. (9)
11. American gun reversed. (3)
12. Scales with little science away. (4)
13. Hats are their business. (9)
14. Lots of entertainments are seen on this nowadays. (3)
15. Shoemakers sticking-places. (5)
18. Catch word! (3)
19. Vapour postscript! (5)
23. Neat rent! make an anagram from. (9)
25. One red one is what you don't have when you're short. (4)
26. Makes mistakes. (4)
27. I yet at ten (anag.). (9)

Down

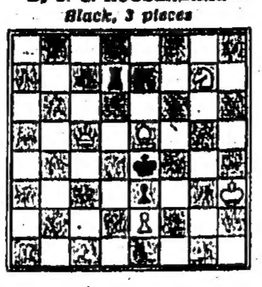
1. Ten in Prom but different. (9)
2. You can't show this with enthusiasm. (9)
3. Nigel, gent—little change. (9)
4. Stately one is often photographed. (4)
5. Victory Day in art! (5)
6. Minus. (4)
8. A winter's one for Shakespeare. (4)
9. On the head? (4)
10. Goes with black. (3)
16. Box—with a sailor? (4)
17. Common kind cannot be better. (5)
20. This provides the ends of five down. (3)
21. Let it remain. (4)
22. Alternative to circular "Madam." (3)
24. The number of a minute alibi on the stage. (3)

Saturday's solution.

CHESS PROBLEM

By J. C. ROOSENDAAL

Black, 3 pieces



White, 5 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1, Q—R7; threat 2, Kt—Kt3 (dis ch). 1 ... P—B3; 2, Kt—B5 (dis ch); 1 ... Kt—Q3; 2, Kt—Kt5 (dis ch); 1 ... Kt—Kt2; 2, Q×Kt.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Logic Could Have Improved Defence

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand left East and West looking at each other very glumly. And, to tell the truth, they had good reason to look glum. Their defence against four spades had left much to be desired.

West opened the seven of hearts, East put up the jack, and South won with the ace. South then led a low spade, and West hopped up with the king. A moment later, West was hopping for another reason, for East had to play the ace of spades on the same trick!

The rest of the hand was equally sad for the defenders. East could get one heart trick, and West could get only the ace of diamonds. South took the rest of the tricks, scoring 240 points below the line and 50 points above.

NORTH 18
♠ Q 5 3
♥ 6 4
♦ K J 7
♣ Q J 9 8 6

WEST
♠ K 2
♥ 7 5
♦ A 9 6 4 3
♣ 10 5 4 2

EAST
♠ A
♥ K Q J 8 3 2
♦ 10 5
♣ A K 7 3

SOUTH (D)
♠ J 10 9 8 7 6 4
♥ A 10 9
♦ Q 8 2
♣ None

East-West vul.

South	West	North	East
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead—♥ 7

How could West know the trump situation? Was he unlucky or was he guilty of a bad play when he put up the king of spades?

The answer depends on the kind of three-bids you expect your opponents to use. When a good player opens with three of a suit against vulnerable opponents, he usually has a seven-card suit with a hand that is far weaker than a normal opening bid. A vulnerable three-bid would be based on a better suit, but the hand itself would still be below opening-bid strength.

In this case, South was non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents. Hence he could be expected to have a generally weak hand. He won the first trick with the ace of hearts, and West should have decided immediately that South could not have another ace.

This simple deduction would have been enough to save West from disaster. If South couldn't have the ace of spades, it was quite safe for West to play low at the second trick, when South led a low trump.

♥♣CARD Sense♠♦

Q—The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 Heart	Pass	2 Clubs	Pass
2 Hearts	Pass	2 Spades	Pass
?			

You, South, hold:
♠ J 7 ♥ A Q J 7 4 ♦ K J 9 4 ♣ Q 2
What do you do?

A—Bid two no-trump. The diamonds are biddable, but you prefer to show the general strength and reasonably balanced distribution. With another point or so, you would jump to three no-trump.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠ 7 ♥ A Q J 10 7 4 ♦ K 8 5 ♣ A 9 8
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

BORN today, you have a forceful character with a high degree of diplomacy. You know how to work hard, yourself, but also how to get the utmost co-operation of your co-workers. You are willing and even eager to listen to suggestions weighing them carefully, and discarding with great tact any which may be faulty.

Life will not always be easy for you, but you have the ability to get out of difficulties with a great deal of ease. You always seem to land on your feet and be ready for a new start. Your tastes are intellectual and cultural. Fond of the drama, of music and literature, it is likely you will have some talent in these directions, yourself. Original, ingenius and in some cases inventive to the point of making a commercial success of your contraptions, it is likely that you will become quite rich toward the end of your life. This wealth you are apt to utilise in some philanthropy.

Loving and demonstrative by nature you will be happiest if you wed at an early age. Fond of children, you will want a large family of your own.

Among those born on this date are: Melville E. Stone, noted journalist; Dorothy Parker, humorist; Maud Powell, violinist; Claude Debussy, composer; John B. Gough, reformer; and Francine Larrimore, actress.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—An important opportunity may be offered to you, now, so be prepared to accept it at once.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—If you get all necessary business completed during working hours, you can go out this evening.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—There is a touch of romance in the air and you might be caught in the whirl for a while.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—This could be one of your most fortunate days, this month. Keep an eye out for something nice to happen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A budget check might be a very good idea at this time. Save a little, if you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—An unexpected luncheon or dinner engagement might put you in contact with some important people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—There may be a significant change in the very near future. Be prepared to act wisely, then.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Business affairs are still improving. Make sure that you are getting your share of the profits.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If you have special compensations, be sure that you do not overdo it. Practise some give and take.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If you are planning to move this autumn, now is a good time to start looking for new home.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If you have an important appointment, be sure that you are on time. Make a good impression.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—In helping others, make sure that you are not neglecting your own affairs.

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HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left in making each word, the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word *must* contain the large letter in the centre square, and there *must* be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 35 words, good; 41 words, very good; 47 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION: Amen amend game garment germ german grant, grama, magenta, magnate magnet, manage, manger, mate mange, menger, mard, martes, mete meter, mens, mesne, mast, name rasm, temen, tame, tamer, tangram tame, terra TRIMAGANT, tram.

WOMANSENSE

A waistline of 17½ in. needs an attitude of mind, says Miss Weerakoon, a cream-skinned beauty from Ceylon

A Balanced Life... And A Perfect Waist

WAISTS are not what they were — competition having moved elsewhere — but even today no woman can hear of a 17½in. waist without sneaking her own belt in a notch. Manil Weerakoon, cream-voiced, cream-skinned beauty from Ceylon, has what must be the smallest (adult) waist in London. She measures just 17½ inches. Corsets?

"The most horrible of Western inventions," says Miss Weerakoon, dismissing the idea with horror.

No, a waistline like hers needs, first of all, an attitude of mind, she believes.

"One must have everything balanced," she says.

"Balanced diet, balanced exercise, balanced emotions, balanced budget."

Miss Weerakoon exhibits a neat sense of balance herself. Her hip and bust measurements are the same—30 inches.

EXERCISES

"With the whole of life completely balanced your waist is bound to be perfect," she says confidently.

Her idea of "balanced" exercise would probably shake most Englishwomen.

Out every morning on to the balcony of her London flat she goes—at seven o'clock. She picks up a skipping-rope and skips a hundred times. Then she does some Indian dancing. After that she does exercises for her waist.

Her favourite is to stand two feet from a wall, stretch her arms up straight against the wall and bend the waist in towards the wall, getting as much of the front of the body against the wall as possible.

"Just gives the waist that extra 'click'," she says.

Her other exercise is to lie on her back with arms gripping the bars of the balustrade behind, her feet (together) stretched out in front. Keeping her feet still together and legs straight, she swings them as far to the side as possible. Brings them to the front again. Then swings them to the other side.

NO ALCOHOL

"That one is wonderful for everything," she says.

She eats normal European food (she dislikes curry), which is "balanced off" with plenty of yeast, yoghourt, fruit, and vegetable drinks.

She drinks no alcohol except wine.

"When everyone else is flat out I am still bright and full of energy," she says—and attributes it all to balance.

She has some very forthright views on British Unbalance.

"Your women, how they ruin their beauty. They drink this terrible gin and whisky which parch the skin, especially round the eyes. They go on and on without exercise, eating wrong foods, never getting real sleep. Then they slap on some make-up and hope for the best. It's all so silly.

"To be beautiful a woman has to have beauty as the main aim in her life. She should always remember it.

"These debutantes who wriggle into corsets to get rid of bulging bits of flesh. Why don't they live, eat and exercise more? Instead of lying in bed in the morning they should get up and go riding!"

Miss Weerakoon is at heart a reformer.

Unlike us, who have nothing much left to protest about, she has the old-fashioned, staid traditions of the East to rebel against.

For her the thrill, then, of being a pioneer in women's rights.

"I could go home and marry a rich man, but I don't want to do that." (Her family, the Weerakoons, are a rich and prominent family.)

"I want to make a career for myself." So she is breaking into films, TV and modelling.

ANTI-TRADITIONAL

She is rebelling against the "old purdah attitude" to clothes. So she wears strapless tops beneath her saris. She even wears a belt to show off that tiny waist—very anti-traditional.

"I want the women at home to say: 'There, if Mr Weerakoon's daughter can do that, so can we.'"

One old tradition she will keep, however. "No," she said. "I will not tell you my age.

"In Ceylon we never ask a woman's age. She is as old as she looks. If she looks 20, then she is 20. If she looks 50, she is accepted as 50—although she may be 70.

"It is our tribute to the way she has kept her beauty if we guess her age at less than it is."

Miss Weerakoon won a compliment worth five years—from me.

— Anne Sharpley

Miss Manil Weerakoon

Hamburgers Taste Better With Kind Treatment

Chicago.

DAD would give Mother some real competition at the family barbecue if he'd observe a few simple be-kind-to-hamburger rules, an expert says.

Sidney Smith, general manager of the Peter Pan snack shop chain which sold more than 5,000,000 hamburgers last year, said men should "be gentler" with the ground meat.

His cooking rules:

1. Never grind the meat more than twice. Try meat ground only once for extra-tender, juicier patties.

2. Pat the meat gently into shape. "Mauling and kneading . . . breaks up the meat's delicate cell structure and squeezes out taste-giving juices."

3. "Never, never press down with a spatula during cooking. It doesn't shorten cooking time appreciably and only squeezes out the juices."

4. Turn only once to prevent juice escape, and use a wide spatula.

5. "Remember that hamburger meat can be sensitive as a prima ballerina. Mistreat it and you're in for an unsatisfactory performance. Be kind to hamburgers and they'll win you praise as a first-class cook." —United Press.

Household Hints

Marble makes an excellent, long lasting, non-destructible top for surfaces in the kitchen or bathroom.

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To remove those tiny wool knots from sweaters, use short quick strokes with a soft clean hairbrush while the sweater is drying.

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Naphtha and gasoline used for cleaning clothes are frequent causes of serious injuries. The fumes they give off are so easily set on fire that a spark or a tiny pilot flame is enough to start a terrific explosion.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

It's A Wonderful Walk

—Everybody Steps Out to Enjoy the Fine Weather—

By MAX TRELL

IT was a lovely June morning, fresh and bright and as cheerful as a fresh egg.

Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, having eaten his breakfast, started down the street. He hadn't taken ten steps when he met the postman.

The Month of June

"Good-morning, Knarf!" said the Postman.

"Good - morning, Postman!" said Knarf.

"What are you doing, Knarf?" asked the Postman.

"I'm taking a walk, Postman," replied Knarf. "It's the month of June. I'm taking a June-walk. Will you come with me?"

"Well," said the Postman, "I've got a lot of letters to deliver. But I guess the letters can wait a little. It's the month of June, so I'll take a June-walk with you!"

So Knarf and the Postman walked down the street, enjoying the fresh June air, the bright June sunshine, and the wonderful June cheerfulness that was as cheerful as a fresh egg.

Knarf Explained

At the corner of the street they met the Policeman.

"Good-morning, boys!" said the Policeman.

"Good morning, Policeman!" returned Knarf and the Postman.

"What are you both doing?" the Policeman asked.

Knarf explained: "We're taking a walk because it's the month of June and the month of June is when you take a June-walk. So come along with us!"

"Well," said the Policeman; "I ought to be policing, but since it's such a beautiful June day I'll take a June-walk with you and Postman. Let's go!"

To Feed the Pigeons

Then Knarf, the Postman and the Policeman turned the corner of the street and walked down the avenue.

Knarf sang.
The Postman whistled.
The Policeman hummed.

Then they met a little girl with rosy cheeks. "I'm going to the park," she said, "to feed the pigeons."

So Knarf and the Postman and the Policeman invited her to take a June-walk with them because it was the month of June which is the time for a June-walk. "I'll feed the pigeons some other time," she said.

They Had Work to Do

Then they met a Librarian and a School Teacher and a Cook and a Messenger Boy and a Plumber and a Window-Cleaner and a Soldier and a Sailor and a Marine and a Stenographer and a Dressmaker and a Black Poodle and a Doctor and a White Cat.

Knarf and the Postman took a June-Walk.

The Librarian had books to watch over, the School Teacher had school to teach, the Cook had dinner to cook, the Messenger Boy had messages to deliver, the Plumber had a leak to fix, the Window-Cleaner had windows to clean, the Soldier had to march, the Sailor had to sail, the Marine had to drill, the Stenographer had to write letters, the Dressmaker had to make dresses, the Black Poodle had to run and bark, the Doctor had to take somebody's temperature and the White Cat had to curl up and purr.

But they all—every single one of them—immediately didn't do what they were supposed to do and all of them—every single one—went on the June-walk with Knarf because it was so fresh and so bright and so cheerful (as cheerful as a fresh egg in fact) and exactly the way a June day should always be.

And do you know how the June-walk was? It was wonderful!

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WEEK-END BOWLS

ROSSELET BROTHERS STEAL THE SPOTLIGHT IN RINKS QUARTER-FINALS

By "TOUCHER"

The Rosselet brothers, Dick and Rene, easily stole the spotlight in the Colony Open Rinks Lawn Bowls Quarter-final matches at Recreio yesterday when they piloted their rink to a brilliant 26-24 extra-head upset win over the top-favourite Indian Recreation Club combination of Jeff Hoosen, A. K. Minu, Ismail Ali and A. M. Omar.

With KCC's Tony Lopes as lead and PRC's Bobby Laurel as their No. 2, the eventual winners not only gave a fine exhibition of good bowls but also one of the pluckiest uphill fights yet seen in the tournament.

Although trailing behind by 5-17 at the end of the 10th end, they never lost heart and returned to the fray on the next head with a magnificent shot by their skip, Rene Rosselet, who took the jack into the ditch for a count of six.

Opposing skip Omar was short and narrow with his first wood. Rene Rosselet added a seventh only to see Omar make amends by drawing the fifth shot.

Continuing their upward surge, Rosselet's four took up their score to 14-17 with an immediate two and a three.

The Indians recovered on the next few heads, mainly through some grand bowling by their skip, Omar, to find themselves well back in the lead by 23-17. Rosselet's four struck back with two braces to fight out the last head with a three-shot deficit.

EXTRA HEAD

Dick Rosselet made the opening in this head when he drew the first shot. Skip Rene Rosselet managed to promote one of his front woods for the second shot and rested away the opposing third shot with his second delivery for a probable count of three.

In a close measure umpire O. Sadick gave the decision in favour of Rosselet's four and an extra head was called for.

Lead Tony Lopes, outbowled for the major period of the game by opposing number Jeff Hoosen, rose to the occasion on this vital head by drawing two close shots. Both were, however, almost jack high on one side of the jack.

Short and narrow woods by the IRC frontmen spelt their doom. Rosselet cleverly placed his first wood near the edge of the ditch and Omar attempting a heavy draw was timbered by a front wood.

A perfect forehand blocker by Rosselet almost completely closed the head and Omar, left with no alternative, made a desperate drive which hit a front wood and streaked away out of play, leaving his opponents deserving winners by 26-24.

On another rink, Jock McKelvie, who was in deadly form both in his dead draws to the jack and in his wicking shots, played a great part in leading his KBGC front men, Eric Liddell, Tom Kavanagh and Peter Hughes, to a 21-18 win over another IRC combination of R. M. V. Ribeiro, K. M. Rumjahn, A. R. A. Rahman and U. A. Rumjahn.

The IRC four made a gallant attempt to stem the tide after trailing behind by 5-13 and were only 18-19 behind at the end of the 19th head.

Two hard-fought singles by the KBGC four on the last two heads enabled them to edge out their opponents by 21-18. For the losers special mention goes to their lead R. M. V. Ribeiro.

GLORIOUS EXIT

On the third rink, R. B. Marshall's Taikoo Dock four made a glorious exit from the quarter-finals after giving their more-favoured opponents, D. C. Symons, George Madar, S. Ramchand and F. R. Kermani, a good run for all their worth.

Consistent drawing to the jack by lead Symons and steady bowling by skip Marshall featured this match. There was very little to it until the end of the 13th end.

From 12-11, Kermani's four forged ahead to 19-12 and survived a game challenge by the losers at 19-16 on the last head to win by 20-16.

The giant-killing Craigengower combination of Leo Silva, G. F. Santos, R. Tay and P. K. Lau made the fourth semi-final berth with a comfortable 23-9 win over the Kowloon Dock four of W. Chambers, R. Morrison, W. Riley and A. E. Elliot.

Both Leo Silva and G. F. Santos were in sparkling form and their clear superiority over their opposing numbers paved the way to their side's success.

LEAGUE MATCHES

The week-end League matches saw Recreio "Blues" bring their prospect of retaining the Senior Division League title for another year almost to certainty with a 5-0 win over Craigengower Cricket Club.

The defeat of Kowloon Cricket Club on the same afternoon further improved the position of the "Blues" who need only five points from their remaining two matches to be 100 per cent sure of the title.

Craigengower, who eventually lost by 14 shots on the aggregate, put up an excellent fight and were unlucky not to have taken at least one point from this match.

Drawn against Johnny Ribeiro's four, Alfred Coates and his men were leading 22-19 on the 20th head and were lying one shot when Coates had the misfortune to slice the jack to the wrong side and give away a four.

Passos' four, though leading practically all the way, were also a little lucky on the 20th head. With the score standing at 16-12 in their favour, their opponents were lying five when Passos, playing rather narrow, wicked off a front wood to lie the first shot.

The champions were, however, deserving winners with their steady and consistently accurate play. Specially prominent among them on the day's performance were C. Roza-Pereira, S. E. Souza and Jackie Noronha.

TWO BOTTLES

The Second Division games were featured by two eights scored in the afternoon. The first eight came from Elliot's Kowloon Dock four who earned their two bottles of whisky with a deserving maximum against Joe Leonard's Craigengower four in the 10th head of their match.

Kowloon Dock won fairly comfortably on all rinks in this game to draw within 2½ points of League-leading Taikoo Dock. Only R. O. Baker's four provided any sort of opposition when they held W. M. McCall's four to 15-15 on the 19th head. A three and a two by the Dock four on the last two heads ended the match.

The second eight of the afternoon was earned by the HKFC rink of H. Black, R. Blyth, W. McColl and Ken Forrow, against the Police rink of B. Jones, J. Boxall, G. Watt and A. Soutar. This eight, incidentally, was also scored on the 10th head after after the HKFC four had led by 10-6.

HOW THEY STAND

First Division

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Recreio "Blues"	14	11	0	3	55
CCC	14	10	0	4	44½
KCC	13	9	0	4	44
KBGC	13	7	0	6	34½
IRC "Blues"	12	6	0	6	29½
PRC	11	6	0	5	26
Recreio "Whites"	13	2	0	11	19½
IRC "Gold"	13	3	0	10	17
FC	11	3	0	8	16

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
TC	13	11	0	2	51½
KDC	12	11	0	2	49
HKFC	14	8	0	6	42
CCC	14	8	0	6	40
HKCC	16	8	0	7	33
USRC	14	6	0	8	32
KCC	14	6	0	8	30
FC	13	2	0	11	17½
PRC	14	3	0	11	15

Third Division

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
KDC	14	14	0	0	64
POC	13	9	0	5	39
HKRC	13	9	0	4	39
FC	12	7	0	5	33½
KBGC	13	6	0	7	31½
HKFC	11	6	0	5	27
KCU	13	3	0	10	21½
PRC	11	4	0	7	18½
URC	14	1	0	13	10

Russia Beats World Soccer Champions 3-2 In International Match

Moscow, Aug. 21.

The Soviet Union emphasised their World Cup potentialities today when they beat a strong German side, present holders of the World Championship, 3-2 in their international football match here.

After scoring first, the Russians were held to 1-1 at halftime and were 2-1 down soon after the interval.

But they went all out against the grimly defending Germans and two quick goals halfway through the second half earned them victory over a side which included eight of Germany's World Cup team.

The Germans' plan for the early stages appeared to be purely defensive to take the sting out of the Russians' usual whirlwind start. But it went away in the 15th minute when right winger Tatushin scored with a hard shot after a fine run.

ON THEIR TOES

This put the Russian forwards on their toes but Germany equalised in the 28th minute when inside-right Fritz Walter had a long range drive deflected into the net by a Russian defender.

Eight minutes after the interval Germany went ahead. Left-winger Schaefer running on to a neat pass to score with an angled shot. The Germans now had more of the play and outside-right Rahn had the ball in the net in the 65th minute but it was disallowed by the referee.

Four minutes later, the Russians drew level with a goal by right-half Masiyonkin and Ilyin got the winning goal in the 73rd minute.—Reuter.

H.K. Fencers To Meet Japan

A Japanese students' fencing team, on its way home from the World Students' Games at San Sebastian, Spain, and a post-Games European tour, will meet Hongkong fencers in a match at the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre, Kowloon, on September 3 and 4.

A Japanese students' fencing team had two matches against Hongkong in 1953, both of which were won by Hongkong's fencers, but the Hongkong team this time will not be as strong as it was two years ago with the departure of Major Brewer and Christopher Grose-Hodge, Olympic epeeist, the latter of whom will not be returning from leave till later in September.

However, local Chinese fencers have been improving at a rapid pace and are undergoing intensive training in preparation for the match with the Japanese.

Tickets for the match, limited in number, may be obtained from the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre.

Olympic Games Job For Aussies In Melbourne

Melbourne,

More than 600 members of the Australian regular army men will help at the Olympic Games in Melbourne next year.

Some of their jobs will be to man the rifle shooting events, control traffic, operate scoreboards, administrative and security work, fire salutes and raise and lower flags.

Brass bands of the six Australian Army Commands are practising the Anthems of all competing countries.

Other Army help will be to supply 22,000 sheets, 11,000 blankets and pillow slips, 6,000 pillows and 6,000 beds for the Olympic Village, 14,500 cubic feet of refrigerated space and full equipment for dental and medical surgeries.

Weightlifters, gymnasts, wrestlers, and boxers will train in Army drill halls.—China Mail Special.

NOT QUITE FAST ENOUGH

The last ball of the day! Heine makes an unsuccessful attempt to scramble home as the bails fly from a smart return to the wicket, when he and Cheetham tried for a third run off the last ball of the day bowled by Statham at the Oval on the second day of the final Test. It closed the South African innings for 112.
—Central Press Photo.

A London Daily Mail Investigation

Soccer's Missing Millions

How can League football win back the crowds? Last season attendance dropped by more than 2,000,000, and the *London Daily Mail* has been investigating the cause and remedies.

In this third article of the series, two famous international footballers join the discussion about Soccer's Missing Millions—about last season's tremendous flop in attendances which prompted a special investigation in all sections of the game.

Earlier views given by directors, managers, trainers and coaches, have stressed the responsibility of the players. Only right, then, to find out what the men in the middle have to say.

Len Shackleton, Sunderland and England's forward star says:

I Believe Crowds Like A Laugh

I wonder if, in the effort to attract the crowds and build winning teams, we are not forgetting the most important thing. That football is and always will be an entertainment.

Certainly I have always looked at it this way. They have called me the "Clown Prince of Football." They have called me irresponsible. They have called me "Big 'ead," and lots of other uncomplimentary things.

But it has been fun, and I think I have managed to give the crowds some fun too. I am never really sure what I am going to do next when the ball comes my way.

Perhaps too many players know exactly what they are going to do with it. And the crowd know also, which means that the element of surprise is lost on the opposition—and on the crowd.

SCORING VARIETY

I like to do funny things with the ball. I have back-heeled goals, side-footed goals, and steered the ball in with my knees. It would probably have been easier to have scored them the other way. But not nearly as much fun.

The crowds will always go to see entertaining football. If I ever get a chance to see Stan Matthews I take it. He is wonderful to watch. His play is full of surprises and subtleties.

Let us have good team-work by all means. But let us try to keep some personality in the game. I believe that every club should try to get hold of a personality player.

He would not always be their best man. Perhaps he would occasionally annoy the fans. But he would be the boy they could rely on occasionally for a laugh.

And after all, football crowds like to laugh. Even those to whom the defeat of their own team is enough to spoil their Saturday night tea. And Sunday morning's breakfast as well.

Walley Barnes, full-back of Wales and Arsenal says:

We Could Have Too Much Continental Stuff

We players are the people most intimately concerned with this business of the Missing Millions. But in our efforts to win the people back let us not be influenced too much by Continental ideas.

I refuse to go overboard for the training and playing methods used by European countries, I am not so sure that those methods are suitable to the British temperament.

And I believe our crowds would soon get tired of regular football "performances" on Continental lines. They have been used to the tough, tense competition of our League programmes and I am sure they would prefer things to stay that way.

ARTY, CRAFTY

Most of the European teams play arty, crafty football. They retreat from the tackle, and good old-fashioned shoulder charging is frowned on. But tackling and charging are an essential part of our game and are demanded by our crowds.

If you place too much store on Continental training methods you will lay the emphasis on speed and quick distribution. If you are going to play robust football you have got to train accordingly.

Many teams have switched over to speed and precision training. They have switched to Continental match methods. They are, I am sure, taking a gamble.

We have got to match our football to the British mood on a Saturday afternoon. I think that mood leads the spectator to want a bit of everything in his football, including those robust features of the game that are so typically British.

NOT THEIR FAULT

I am not despondent about the future of football here. We have had a slump caused, I am sure, because our youngsters during the war years were not able to get down to the game until they were 15 or 16. It was not their fault.

But the vintage players, the Lawtons and Matthews, were boys who started the game young when they were nine or ten. We are getting another crop of youngsters like them now, people such as the Charles brothers, and dozens of others who will soon be hitting the headlines.

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INTERNATIONAL TENNIS

Art Larsen In Singles Semi-Finals

Ortisei, Italy, Aug. 21.

Art Larsen of California, and Argentine Champion Enrique Morea entered the Men's Singles semi-finals of the Local International Tennis Tournament today.

Larsen beat Cedric Mason (Tasmania) 6-4, 7-5 and Morea beat Giuseppe Magi (Italy) 6-3, 6-3. Others in semi-finals are Tony Mottram (England) and Bob Howe (Australia). Mottram beat Antonio Sada (Italy) 6-3, 6-3, and Howe beat Carlo Ebner (Italy) 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

In an upset of the three-day-old tournament Italy's Nina Bellani beat Mrs Tony Mottram, the former Joy Gannon, of England 6-3, 6-2 to enter the Women's Singles finals.

Miss Bellani meets compatriot Nicla Migliori who beat Miss Ramorino (Italy) 6-2, 6-4 in another semi-final. — United Press.

HOCKEY

INDIANS BEAT GERMAN TEAM 3-1

Berlin, Aug. 21.

The Indian hockey team currently touring East Germany today defeated an East German team at Gera (Thuringia) by three goals to nil.

The Indian players dominated from the start to finish and were greeted by warm applause from a crowd of 17,000 German spectators.—France-Presse.

ENGLISH SOCCER SEASON OPENS

Defending Champions Chelsea Lose To Bolton Wanderers

London, Aug. 20.

Chelsea had a surprisingly small crowd of 44,454 to see them start their defence of the League Championship. They often played football that would not have done credit to a Third Division side and a goal in each half by Dennis Stevens gave Bolton Wanderers a well deserved success.

Chelsea will have to do much better if they are to be a threat for this season's Championship, let alone win it again.

Fifty thousand gave Wolverhampton Wanderers, with memories of their Russian trip, a welcome at West Bromwich Albion's ground and it must be said that the home side, without their England centre-forward, Ronnie Allen, for a long time, had the best of matters in a drawn game.

London's big teams, apart from Chelsea, had a bad start. Stanley Matthews, in his most bewildering mood, helped Blackpool defeat Arsenal; Tottenham went down at home to Burnley and Charlton, at home, were a little fortunate to save a point against newly promoted Luton.

Allen was one of several casualties on sun-baked pitches. Arsenal and Blackpool each finished with ten men and apart from men who had to be carried off, there were many limping players at the close of gruelling matches.

Sheffield United, under the new managership of Joe Mercer, former Arsenal star, did not start their season well when they met the cupholders, Newcastle, who were good value for their win.

Manchester City, runners-up at Wembley, had to struggle to save a point against Aston Villa but did so when Don Revie scored a second half penalty.

MAJOR UPSET

Andy Graver, whose return to Lincoln during the close season for a third of the £30,000 sterling Leicester paid for him last December, was back among the goals with his old colleagues. As a result Lincoln caused one of the day's major upsets by winning at Blackburn.

Although Thompson's goal for Preston in the second minute was accepted as the quickest, his match started 15 minutes later than Fulham's and in the third minute of this game. Bedford Jezzard scored to set Fulham on the way to one of the day's biggest wins.

Johnny King (Stoke) hit the season's first hat trick after Doncaster had scored twice, and Jackie Sewell was not long afterwards before he put in three for Sheffield Wednesday.

There was a big crowd at Coventry to see what Jesse Carver, noted Continental coach, had done to Coventry City. After an early setback Coventry scored three times in nine minutes and won the points.

SCOTTISH CUP GAMES

Results of the third games in the Scottish League Cup have left an interesting position for the meeting of Rangers and Celtic next week. They have each won three games so far and their clash should decide the winners of Section Four.

Celtic's easy win to-day was made easier when Falkirk lost their goalkeeper with an arm injury after six minutes.

Rangers won away through goals scored by their wing forwards, Hubbard and Scott.

Section Two of the Competition is also wide open with three clubs, Partick, Hearts and East Fife all having four points.

Two penalty goals by Turnbull helped Hibernian beat Dunfermline but the winners are unlikely to catch Aberdeen in their section as they have only three points compared with the maximum six of the league champions.

St Johnstone and Motherwell, respective leaders of Sections Six and Seven, also have the maximum of six points.

Most impressive win of the day was Morton's in Section Eight, and both Fleming and McGhee scored hat tricks in their 7-1 win.—Reuter.

American Boxer Favoured To Beat Italian

New York, Aug. 22.

Rinzi Nocero, young New York Middlewight, is favoured at 8-5 to beat Italian Paola Mells tonight in their television 10-rounder at St Nicholas arena.

Each is a slam-bang "club fighter" but only a fair puncher. Each has had three fights this year, won two decisions and was stopped in the other.

Mells, former Welterweight Champion of Italy, who moved to Montreal last year, won decisions over Frederico Escalera and Chet Vinci but was stopped by Chico Vejar in the fourth round on April 29.

Nocero was stopped by Rafael Merentino in the eighth round on February 21, but he came back to win decisions over Vic Cardell and Tex Gonzales.

Mells, 26, has had much more experience than Rinzi, but the New Yorker is favoured to win because of his youth, aggressiveness and durability.—United Press.

Ip Koon-hung Beaten By Malayan

Ipoh, Aug. 21.

In the best Singles match of the Malayan Championships, defending champion Ong Chew-bee of Singapore beat Hongkong champion K. H. Ip in three thrill-packed sets.

The Malayan champion, serving beautifully and volleying immaculately, won the first set quite easily at 6-3.

Ip found some of his lost touch and won the second set at 7-5 after leading 5-4.

In the third set tired Chew Bee put everything he knew into the game to win at 6-3.

Both players found the slippery condition of the ground a great disadvantage.

Ip suffered his first defeat in the singles in four attempts.

TAKES DOUBLES

Hongkong's K. H. Ip, after losing the men's singles title, annexed two Doubles titles.

In partnership with Mrs A. Tamworth of Singapore he took the Mixed Doubles title from the defending champions, Mrs Gladys Loke Chua and Ong Chew-bee, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Teaming up with Cambridge Blue Khong Kit-sona of Singapore, Ip won the Men's Doubles title, beating Singapore's Ong Chew-bee and Lim Hee-chin in one of the most thrilling doubles matches seen here 6-7, 7-6.

The match lasted 68 minutes and ten of the games went to deuce.

In the last game of the second set Ong and Lim saved five match points.

The Siamese pair Muang Roeng, 1934 Malayan Men's Doubles champion, and Chai Tejasen, won the Malayan Veteran Doubles final beating Colonel J. Clynton Reed, former Wimbledon player, and Goon Kok-ying of Malaya in three sets of 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.—Reuter.

BASEBALL RESULTS

New York, Aug. 21.
Major League baseball results today were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Detroit	0	4	1
Chicago	2	7	1

Hoeft (12-7) and Wilson; Johnson (6-1) and Lollar, Gaminiosa (7th).

(Second Game)

	R	H	E
Detroit	2	8	1
Chicago	8	15	1

Bunning, Foytack (2), Coleman (5) and House; Donovan (14-4) and Lollar. LP-Bunning (2-4). HR-Dropo (17th), House (12th).

	R	H	E
Kansas City	4	8	1
Cleveland	9	7	1

Ditmar (8-11) and Shantz; Lemon, Santiago (3), Maglie (8) and Naragon. WP-Santiago (2-0). HR-Doby (19th), Wooding (7th).

	R	H	E
Baltimore	1	6	0
New York	6	10	0

Lopat, Brown (3), Dorish (5), Moore (7) and Triandos—Larsen (8-1) and Berra. LP-Lopat (5-10). HR-Skowron (11th), Bauer (15th), Mantle (32nd).

	R	H	E
Boston	4	8	0
Washington	1	9	0

Susce, Delock (8) and White; Stobbs, Abernath (8), McDermott (9) and FitzGerald. WP—Susce (7-5). LP-Stobbs (2-11). HR-White (8th).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Brooklyn	4	6	0
Philadelphia	6	11	0

Erskine, Roebuck (3), Craig (5), Labine (6), Bessent (8) and Campanella; Wehmier, Meyer (8) and Lopata. WP-Wehmier (10-9). LP-Erskine (10-5) HR-Jones (15th), Gorbous (4th), Ennis (25th), Reese (9th).

	R	H	E
St Louis	0	4	1
Cincinnati	4	7	0

Haddix, Arroyo (8) and Sarni; Gross (2-2) and Burgess. LP-Haddix (10-12). HR-Post (31st).

	R	H	E
Chicago	1	7	0
Milwaukee	8	13	0

Davis, Tremel (5), Perkowski (7) and Chitt; Buhlh (12-8) and Crandall. Rice (4). LP-Davis (6-9).—United Press.

Cockell—Gardner Match Cancelled

London, Aug. 21.
The September 13 British Heavyweight Championship match between title holder Don Cockell and former Champion Jack Gardner was cancelled today in order for the challenger to have a knee operation, promoter Jack Solomons announced here today.

At the same time, Solomons said he would fly to the United States tonight to look for an opponent for Cockell.

The fight was scheduled for the White City Stadium.

Gardner injured his knee while training. An examination yesterday showed that the ex-Champion must have a cartilage operation, which will take place this week. Medical experts said it would be about a month before he will be able to resume training.—United Press.

What does the coming soccer season hold for Britain? In Scotland, at any rate, where the big kick-off was last Saturday week, signs are that the home players can match the slick-moving Continentals, even the Russians. Here ANDY CUNNINGHAM, former player, and then manager, of Glasgow Rangers, gives the reasons.

Scotland Is Recapturing Her Old Soccer Skills

The most significant remark I heard this close season was made by international skipper George Young. Shortly after the return of Scotland's footballers from the Continent, George said to me; "Until Billy Liddell's vital penalty miss* we gave the Hungarians a football lesson."

I consider that statement significant for two reasons.

(1) It was made by a man who is not given to boasting and whose opinion I readily accept.

(2) It shows that Scotland still has the ability to produce the world's best football—the smooth, natural style of play which used to serve us so well.

Now the question is: Can our club footballers follow the lead of our international players and recapture old standards?

I believe that they can, and I believe the bigger leagues that we are to have in the new season will help.

Listen, for instance, to Dundee manager Willie Thornton: "The 18-club A Division will encourage players to concentrate on skill rather than win at any cost."

I couldn't agree more. I believe young and old can work to bring about revival if they forget about bonus-winning and substitute the development of their game as such.

FIRST OPPORTUNITY

Remember good football always brings results in the end—and the bigger leagues offer the first opportunity we've had since before the war.

It is more than coincidence that the two sweetest-moving sides in Scotland last season were Aberdeen, the League Champions, and Clyde, the Scottish Cup winners.

Both disregarded the big boot and the aimless rush.

I see no reason why the others should not be able to do the same.

And now that George Young obviously appreciates what is wanted perhaps he can lead the brighter football movement as captain of Rangers.

Not without reason my old team have been blamed for much of the decline in constructive football.

What about the club prospects in the new season? Well, I think Aberdeen and Clyde will be there or thereabouts again. Both have their last season regulars on call.

I believe Rangers will do better and one can't ignore Celtic, the fittest, most enthusiastic bunch of players in the land.

Hibs and Hearts will challenge for top honours as before, but I feel that there are distinct possibilities about two of the less fancied clubs.

GIVEN LUCK

Given reasonable luck St. Mirren could be a big success.

And Davie Meiklejohn's shrewd team-building policy with Partick Thistle is bound to pay dividends. I have a notion Davie's patience will be amply rewarded at last.

Dundee should show improvement but I can't see them more than middle-of-the leaguers. The same applies to East Fife, Raith Rovers, Kilmarnock and Queen of the South.

So far Motherwell and Stirling Albion have done little to suggest they won't have another struggle on their hands. And promoted Airdrie and Dunfermline will do exceptionally well if they finish among the top nine.

In B Division my likeliest promotion fancies are Hamilton Accies, Queen's Park, Morton and Third Lanark.

** Billy Liddell missed the penalty for Scotland when Hungary were leading 3-1 (Budapest, May 29, this year). The critics agreed that had he scored, the Scots might have saved the game. Until then they had been brilliant.*
—(London Express Service).

Manipulative Operation For Len Hutton

London, Aug. 21.
Len Hutton, 39, former England cricket captain, said today he will undergo a manipulative operation in Leeds, near his Yorkshire home at Pudsey, in early September.

The operation under anaesthetic would deal with a prolapsed disc in the small of his back, he said. The disc has caused him persistent pain in the last two months.

He said the operation would be carried out by the manipulative surgeon who treated his damaged arm 12 years ago after a serious wartime accident and would be followed by a long course of treatment.

He hopes to be fit for the start of next season when an Australian team is due to tour England and, if all goes well, to be available for selection for the side, scheduled to tour South Africa in the winter of 1956/57.

Mr Hutton was named captain of the England side for all five Tests against South Africa this season but he was not fit to play in any. Peter May skippered the side.—China Mail Special.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Meetings

CAAF Annual Meeting at Caroline Hill, 6 p.m.
Softball Team managers meeting at Club Lusitano, 5.45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Meetings

Annual Meeting ASF and OC, SCM Post Board Room 5.30 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting of HKAAA, Education Dept 5.15 p.m.

Diving

Colony Junior Springboard diving championships at LRC 6 to 8 p.m.

RECORD

Brian Hewson winning the Half Mile in the athletic match between Great Britain and Hungary at the White City Stadium, London, in 1 minute 48.6 seconds — a new British record. Hewson beat the European Champion, Lajos Szentgali of Hungary.—Reuter-photo.

Four Records At Chinese Swimming Championships

Four records were shattered at the Eighth Annual Swimming Meeting of the Chinese Amateur Swimming Association which concluded at Chung Sing Swimming Pool yesterday afternoon.

These records were all established in the Ladies' Junior events. They were the 100-metre backstroke (1 min. 34.6 sec. by Tsui Yuen-tin of Chinese YMCA), 50 metres freestyle (35 sec. by Ng Kit-chun of Chinese YMCA), 50 metres butterfly (46.6 sec. by Tsang Yuk-lan of South China) and the 200-metres freestyle relay (2 min. 39 sec. by Chinese YMCA).

The record of 28.2 sec. in the Men's Junior 50 metre free-style was equalled by Leung Chung of Gold and Silver Exchange.

The Men's Senior Team Championship was easily won by Fortuna with 65 points. Cheung Kin-man took the Individual Championship in the Men's Senior competitions—he came first in all the four events he entered.

Fortuna came second in the Ladies' Senior competitions—being only one point behind the champions, Chinese YMCA. This was largely due to the disqualification of Fortuna's Miss Chan Ching-yee in the Senior 100 metres backstroke.

Miss Fung Ying-chi, of Chinese YMCA, came first in the Ladies' Senior competition. She won three events and came third in the fourth.

OTHER TITLES

South China and Chinese YMCA took the Men's and Ladies Junior Championships respectively while Chan Sing-chung (South China) and Miss Ng Kit-chun (Chinese YMCA) won the Individual Championships.

At the close of the meet, prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Mr George S. H. Shum, Chairman of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation.

THE RESULTS

Results of yesterday's events are:

Men's Events

Senior 400 metres freestyle: 1, Cheung Kin-man (F); 2, Wan Shiu-ming (SC); 3, Leung Wing-chi (CS). Time: 5 min. 0.8 sec.

Senior 200 metres butterfly: 1, Pang Chiu-tuen (SC); 2, Wong Fu-shun (CS); 3, Ng Dick-man (CCSRC). Time: 3 min. 20.8 sec.

Junior 100 metres freestyle: 1, Chan Sing-chung (SC); 2, Leung Chung (Gold and Silver); 3, Lam Huen-kay (Gold and Silver). Time: 1 min. 9.1 sec.

Junior 100 metres backstroke: 1, Lau Ting-ping (SC); 2, Chan Chi-hong (Hot Tin); 3, Fong Dak (CYMCA). Time: 79.1 sec.

Junior 100 metres butterfly: 1, Wong Kan-fai (SC); 2, Yeung Hok-leung (CYMCA); 3, Lai Ho-yuen (SC). Time: 1 min. 25.5 sec.

Senior 4 x 200 metres freestyle relay: 1, Fortuna; 2, Chung Sing; 3, Chinese YMCA. Time: 10 min. 25 sec.

Ladies' Events

Senior 400 metres freestyle: 1, Fung Ying-chi (CYMCA); 2, Tsui Kwai-chi (CCSRC); 3, Tsui Siu-ling (Fortuna). Time: 7 min. 9.3 sec.

Senior 100 metres butterfly: 1, Chan Ching-yee (Fortuna); 2, Chung Mei-lei (SC); 3, Fung Ying-chi (CYMCA). Time: 1 min. 45.5 sec.

Junior 50 metres freestyle: 1, Ng Kit-chun (CYMCA); 2, Chan Yee-mui (CYMCA); 3, Tsui Yuen-tin (CYMCA). Time: 35 sec. (Record).

Junior 50 metres butterfly: 1, Tsang Yuk-lan (SC); 2, Chan On-kai (SC); 3, Ng Kit-chun (CYMCA). Time: 46.6 sec. (Record).

Junior 4 x 50-metres relay: freestyle relay: 1, Chinese YMCA; 2, CCSRC; 3, Gold and Silver Exchange. Time: 2 min. 39 sec. (Record).

Team Championships

Men's Senior: 1, Fortuna (65 points); 2, Chung Sing (F); 3, Chinese YMCA (24).

Men's Junior: 1, South China (69); 2, Gold and Silver Exchange (59); 3, Chinese YMCA (34).

Ladies' Senior: 1, Chinese YMCA (40); 2, Fortuna (45); 3, South China (31).

Ladies' Junior: 1, Chinese YMCA (63); 2, CCSRC (20); 3, South China (15).

Individual Awards

Men's Senior: 1, Cheung Kin-man (Fortuna) (28 Points); 2, Wan Shiu-ming (South China) (15).

Men's Junior: 1, Chan Sing-chun (South China) (14); 2, Leung Chung (Gold and Silver) (13).

Ladies' Senior: 1, Fung Ying-chi (CYMCA) (25); 2, Chung Mei-lei (South China) (10).

Ladies' Junior: 1, Ng Kit-chun (Chinese YMCA) (20); 2, Tsui Yuen-ting (CYMCA) (10).

Vice-President Helping Dr. Sammy Lee

Washington, Aug. 20.
Vice President Richard Nixon, a Californian, said today that he was helping Dr Sammy Lee, Army Major and former Olympic Diving Champion of Korean descent to find a home in California.

Mr Nixon said he was "shocked to learn of Dr Lee's difficulty in buying a home in Southern California."

Dr Lee, an Army doctor, told reporters at Fort Carlson, Colorado, yesterday that he had been unsuccessful in buying a home because of his ancestry.

He said he planned to resign after 13 years in the Army to practise as an eye, ear and nose specialist in Southern California.

Mr Nixon, in a statement here, said he first learned of Dr Lee's troubles through reading newspapers this morning.

RALLYING TO SUPPORT

"I made several calls to California and was happy to learn that the people of my native state are rallying to his support," Mr Nixon said.

He added that Dr Lee "will now find several suitable homes available for purchase in the area in which he desires to live."

Dr Lee was born and brought up in California.

He received his medical degree from the University of Southern California.

After winning Olympic diving championships and other awards, he made a special tour to the Far East on behalf of the State Department and an Amateur Athletic organisation.

"As a native Californian and one who knows Dr Lee personally," Mr Nixon said, "I believe that I reflect the views of the overwhelming majority of the residents of my State when I say that I would be proud to have Sammy Lee as my neighbour."—Reuter.

AROUND HOLLYWOOD

Exodus From Egypt Not Yet Complete—Hundreds More Are Tramping Away

By MICHAEL RUDDY

Beverly Hills.

The hot weather in Hollywood this past fortnight has been satisfactory to C. B. DeMille who has had hundreds of Israelites tramping down the plaster and paint hills of Paramount on their exodus from Egypt, "The Ten Commandments" operation.

These scenes will be matched with those made in Egypt last year. As seems to be the case with all films made in Egypt, thousands upon thousands of extras were employed for the exodus.

The Hollywood players and extras will be used for closeups and medium shots. The sweating players in their rags and robes followed the DeMille instructions from on high, as he zoomed over them in a lofty camera crane.

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Just about twenty-five years ago, there was an organisation in Hollywood known as WAMPAS, who annually chose the thirteen Baby Stars. Among those WAMPAS babies were Joan Crawford, Dolores Del Rio, Sally Eilers, Laura La Plante, Clara Bow, Loretta Young, June Collyer, Sue Carol, (Mrs Alan Ladd), and Mary Astor.

The idea was revived this week by a different group, called the Hollywood Sponsors and this year, they will name the thirteen Baby Stars of 1956. One of the sponsors is Ginger Rogers, 46, still going with a handsome fourth husband, Jacques Bergerac.

BEAUTY AND TALENT

Says Ginger: "There is more youth, beauty and talent waiting for a chance in Hollywood than ever before and the need for new faces was never greater."

You may be right, Ginger, yet I've seen many talented youngsters during the past five years who have youth and beauty and haven't had a break, despite such highly publicised efforts as Paramount's Golden Circle which fizzled out.

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"The McConnell Story," based on the life of the American jet ace, is June Allyson's first partnership deal, with Alan Ladd and the Brothers Warner. Her agent say she'll make a hundred thousand pounds out of this first effort.

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Lady Hardwicke or Mary Scott, as she prefers, has a voice almost as purry as Joan Greenwood's. "It's due entirely," she told me, "to two little warts on my vocal chords, my doctor says. Not harmful, but they make me sound an octave or so lower."

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In Hollywood, the biggest danger the average motorist faces is the average motorist.

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Hollywood styles seem to have the necklines getting lower and skirts getting shorter, so the trend for wider belts is understandable.

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Cary Grant may star in a story titled, "Ten Thousand Beds," about the hotel business. And he's buying his old movie, "His Girl Friday," as a re-make for himself with Grace Kelly. The original girl Friday was Rosalind Russell, who, with husband Fred Brisson, son of Carl Brisson, is rapidly becoming a millionaire.

Miss Universe, described as a Grace Kelly with muscles, said the hell with her contract, took a one-way ticket home to Sweden. A very sensible girl.

MARRIAGE OFF

I knew of it a month ago. It was confirmed this week. MGM bought the West End hit, "The Reluctant Debutante" to star Debbie Reynolds and the marriage with Eddie Fisher is off.

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Esther Williams presents her Aquacade at the Beverly-Hilton for the under-privileged children's fund. As a tryout, there'll be an array of plastic swimming pools.

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Did you know that Jeanne Crain is vice-president of the ABC Corporation, manufacturers of radar parts, transistors, electronic devices? Jeanne takes her place at meetings of the board of directors, knows what it's all about.

With Ann Miller, Ann Blyth, Mamie Van Doren, Dana Wynter, Joan Collins, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Herbert Marshall, Charles Boyer and most of Hollywood's British Colony, ("I'm not a member of the British Colony," say all the members of the Br. Colony), I helped open the Red Lion, described by Press-agents as an afternoon sanctuary bar for men only (until 6.00 p.m.), at the newest hotel of the Hilton—chain, the Beverly-Hilton, within a few miles of Twentieth Century Fox Studios, MGM and Hollywood.

FANTASTIC

But this "local" within a $16,000,000 hotel is fantastic. It has tavern chairs, beamed ceiling of antiqued oak, leaded glass windows, an "English" stove, brick-tiled floor, carriage lamps, an assortment of English pewter, brass, iron and copper.

"I'm informed," boomed Sir Cedric, "that this is a replica of the Bell tavern in Hurley. Well, it's magnificent. No women until after six!" And beer on draught. British barmen, and they hope, buffet luncheons in the British style. Beer is expensive at 3s. 6d. a pint but, it is served in antique pots, and the pretzels are free. Anyhow this is the only pub in California sacred to the male animal, until six p.m.

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It's nice to be rich. John Wayne's new private cinema at his Encino will have air-conditioning and 30 armchair-type seats.

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Latest thing in the Hollywood super-markets are canned (tinned) senior foods, like junior foods for infants, except that the geriatric foods will be low in calories and saltless, high in proteins.

South China Win Soccer Test Rubber

Sydney, Aug. 21.
The South China team today won the soccer rubber of their present Australian tour when they defeated Australia 1-0 at Wallsend in northern New South Wales.

The Australians gave one of the poorest displays of forward play seen here for many seasons although their defence was particularly sound.

On the other hand, the South China team, good in all departments, exerted pressure throughout and fully deserved their win.

In the second half especially, the Australians had many scoring chances but their forwards were unable to cope with the situation.

Compared with the forward line which last Wednesday scored three times against the Austrian Rapid touring here to register a meritorious win, the display to-day left room for much criticism.

SCORING CHANCES LOST

One of the forwards, Tom Murphy, had 12 chances for goal within 15 minutes at distances ranging from 78 to 25 yards.

Most of them sailed high above the bar and never looked like finding the net.

The South China defence excelled in the second half and worked hard to break up many Australian attacks.

But their task was made easier when the Australian inside forwards almost continually clung to the ball and tried to beat man after man with it.

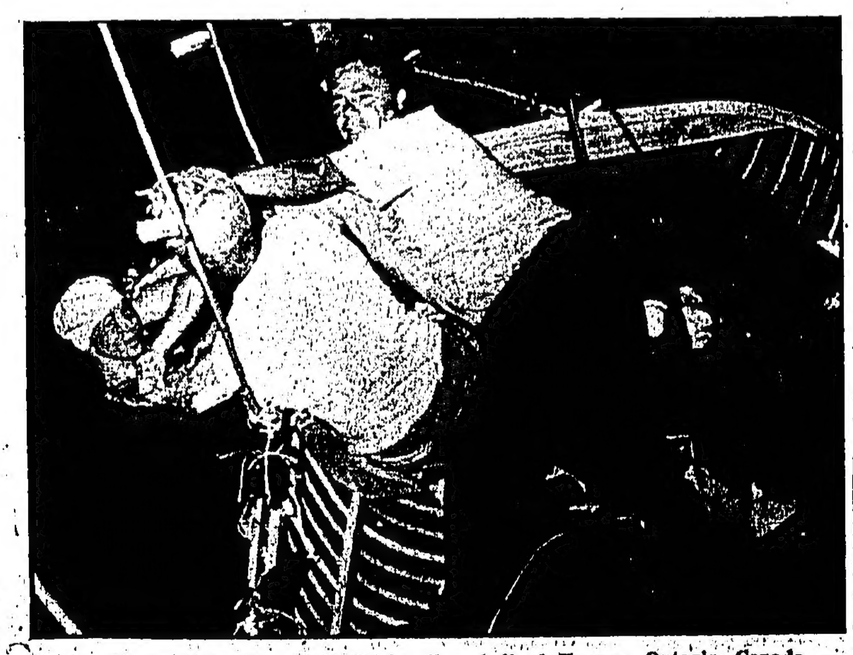
The Australian inside forwards literally starved the wingers and it was not until well into the second half that Thomas, of Victoria, was given a chance to attack. He made a number of good runs and was always dangerous but seldom were the inside men in a position to receive his well placed passes.

One of the best players for the Australian side was C. Almond, in defence, the most outstanding player on the field.

The match was played in fine weather.

South China's scorer was Lee Yuk-tak.—Reuter.

"LITTLE MAJOR" IS PULLED OUT



Plucky little 19-year-old Shirley Campbell of Fergus, Ontario, Canada — known as "The Little Major", was, owing to extreme fatigue, pulled from the water by her trainer Max Hurley, when attempting to swim across Lake Ontario.

She had been in the water for 21 hours and 20 minutes and was only 1½ miles short of her destination, Gibraltar Point on Toronto Island.

It will be remembered that last September Marilyn Bell made and conquered this swim. Shirley is a professional swimmer and one of five children of Mrs Campbell, a widow.

This picture shows Shirley being pulled from the water by her trainer Max Hurley (left) and Hal Walker, a newspaper correspondent, while her sister Joan looks on.—Central Press Photo.

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Have St Peter's Bones Been Found?

POPE STUDYING DOCUMENTS AT SUMMER PALACE

Rome, Aug. 21.

Pope Pius XII may soon announce a sensational discovery—the finding of the bones of Saint Peter, chief of the Apostles.

In the cool solitude of his summer villa at Castel Gandolfo, 12 miles south of Rome, the Pontiff is known to be preparing documents to which he attaches great importance.

It is reported that he plans a series of important speeches which will mark his 80th year, which he will complete on March 2, 1956.

These reports coincide with hints that more than two years of research have established beyond reasonable doubt that in a precious casket kept in the Pope's private Chapel there lie the human remains of Saint Peter, the first Pope.

If Pope Pius XII himself confirms this finding, it will mean the triumphant conclusion of 15 years of daring excavation beneath the colossal bulk of the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican.

In his Christmas message to the world, in 1950, Pope Pius announced the finding of Saint Peter's tomb, directly beneath the High Altar of the Basilica.

The Apostle was martyred in 64 or 67 A.D. in Nero's circus, flanking the site of the present Basilica.

In Message

In his Christmas message, the Pope declared: "The essential question is: has the tomb of Saint Peter really been rediscovered?

"To this question the final conclusion of the excavations and of the researches replies with a most clear 'Yes.'

"A second question, subordinate to the first, concerns the relics of the Saint. Have they been found?

At the edge of the sepulchre were found the remains of human bones, of which however it is not possible to prove with certainty that they belong to the mortal body of the Apostle.

"This leaves intact, however, the historic reality of the tomb."

Total secrecy has descended for the past five years on the fate of the bones. It was known that they were carried with the deepest veneration to the Pontiff's private Chapel, next to his bedroom on the third floor of the Vatican palace, and it was reported that he had ordered a detailed scientific study of them.

The Pope's statement in 1950 that it was impossible to prove that they were the bones of Saint Peter indicated that the first result of the studies was negative.

But it is now hinted that later research has established the existence of fragments of an entire body, less the head.

This ties up with the ancient tradition that the head of Saint Peter, together wih that of Saint Paul, is preserved in the High Altar of the Lateran Basilica of Saint John, the Cathedral of Rome—on the opposite side of the city.

Some historians hold that the Emperor Constantine, the first Imperial convert to Christianity, presented the head to the great Lateran church when, in the fourth century, he built the first edition of Saint Peter's Basilica, exactly above the tomb of the Apostle.

Jewels Rifled

Since at least 1369, the two heads have been the object of great veneration. Enclosed in rich silver reliquaries, strewn with diamonds and other gems, the faces gilded, they have been kept uninterruptedly in the High Altar of Saint John Lateran since then.

The reliquaries and jewels were rifled during the French sack of Rome in 1804, but copies soon afterwards replaced them. —China Mail Special.

Construction of the lower shipping locks have been completed at the Kuibyshev power project in the Soviet Union and the Volga ships are pictured passing through after the official opening ceremony. Work on the dock foundation was started in December 1952, since when 700,000 cubic metres of concrete has been used, and total weight of the reinforcements amount to 40,000 tons and of structural metal and equipment 7,500 tons. The locks are operated automatically. The passage of ships is controlled by one man. A turn of a key at the central switchboard operates the 700-ton lock gates.—Express Photo.

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By Air
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Burma, India, Pakistan, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
BY SURFACE
By Air
Japan, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23.
By Air
Thailand, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, 11 a.m.
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Middle East, Africa, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.

World Air Speed Record

Los Angeles, Aug. 21.

The Los Angeles Times reported that an Air Force pilot yesterday established the official world supersonic speed record by flying a North American Super Sabre jet between 800 and 900 miles an hour at high altitude over the Mojave desert.

It said Colonel Horace Hanes, flight test director at the Edwards Air Force base, established the record in level flight after a week's series of speed flights at 35,000 feet.

The newspaper said Charles Logsdon, chief timer of the National Aeronautic Association, verified that supersonic record operations were under way on the desert. The exact time of the record is to be announced by the Air Force during a Philadelphia air show from September 3 to 5, the paper said.—China Mail Special.

"Peeping Tom" Killed

Rangoon, Aug. 21.

A young newly-wed Burmese farmer was so enraged with a neighbour who peeped into his house that he threw a spear at the man, killing him on the spot.—China Mail Special.

TAX DODGERS GET OFF TOO EASILY

Wellington, Aug. 21.

Concerned by the number of tax defaulters and evaders appearing in their courts, two New Zealand magistrates have, within a week, demanded the power to pass prison sentences on such offenders.

"At present, there is one law for the rich and another for the poor," one of them, Mr Stanley Preston, explained at Wanganui.

"A man accused of robbing a private till of only a few pounds is liable to three years' imprisonment or a £200 fine. Yet a man who robs the public till of thousands of pounds, with just as much cunning and over a longer period, can only be fined with a maximum of £100 on each charge.

"We have big men in New Zealand—doyens of the social world—who have been convicted of robbing the taxation department of thousands of pounds, and yet they are still regarded as respectable members of the community. Others, however, who come before the court on lesser charges, and who have had less education and fewer advantages in life, are liable to terms of imprisonment and social ostracism.

Duty Bound

"The court is duty bound to protect society by imposing terms of imprisonment. It is time the position was amended to make wholesale thieves of the public revenues the same as humble petty thieves. There can be no distinction between the two cases."

Just two days earlier, a brother magistrate, Mr William Harley, of New Plymouth, described tax evaders as "frauds against society and the tax paying public," and emphasised that a term of imprisonment would be much more a deterrent than a fine for members of the higher income brackets.

Mr Jack Watts, the New Zealand Minister of Finance, has promised to investigate the Land and Income Tax Act with a view of writing in a clause giving magistrates the power to pass prison sentences on persons found guilty of tax default or tax evasion.

Last year, honest New Zealanders paid £132,260,000 in direct taxation. But some 1,000 people in the higher income brackets are believed to dodge their responsibilities each year. This year, tax inspectors uncovered 231 offenders who had evaded the payment of almost £300,000 in income tax and social security charges. The largest sum involved was £21,556, by a North Island farmer. The worst commercial offender was an Auckland company which, investigations disclosed, had evaded payment of £13,050.

Many of these defaulters are undoubtedly slipshod in their business methods, but others regard the Government as "fair game" and it is a "bit of bad luck" if they are caught.

Condemned

Magistrates and newspaper opinion throughout the country, condemn these people who, they say, are penalising the honest taxpayer as well as cheating the State.

Evasion is not confined to any particular class of persons, although it is more widespread in some businesses than others. The farming community, which has been enjoying a number of years of exceptional prosperity, provided more than one-third of this year's batch, while builders came a close second. Other trades and professions represented in this year's list were greengrocers, plumbers and dentists.

Ordinary wage earners have little chance of dodging their responsibilities, but for others it is not so difficult. There are the one-man businesses whose only records are a cash register and whose principals live out of the till; the itinerant buyers with a pocketful of money, who pay cash; and the seller who demands from the buyer either cash or a cheque made out to a fictitious name.

Satisfied

The revenue authorities are satisfied that the evasion of taxes is widespread, but that their investigations are showing dividends. They claim that their inspectors and examiners are steadily overhauling those who have offended, but they are sure that evasion will continue if stronger deterrents are not provided.

The 231 evaders whose names were published in the New Zealand Gazette are not the only ones to have such sins of omission or commission against them. Many more who "voluntarily confessed" to such sins during the year did not have their names published. And these are in the great majority.

In the 1950 financial year, those who confessed or were discovered accounted for total discrepancies of £978,000. In 1952, the total was £1,290,000 and last year it had increased to £1,608,000. Figures for the current year are expected to reach at least £2,000,000.

The most common explanation today for anyone appearing to have a higher standard of living than would be borne out by the tax return, is that a run of luck on horse races is responsible.

Although the New Zealand total for totalisator betting in the past 10 months is well over the £28,000,000 mark and more people are having a flutter on the horses, however, the Commissioner to Taxes requires definite proof of that statement before he believes it. The excuse has been worn threadbare over the years.

In Addition

In addition to their appearance in court and subsequent fine, offenders are also liable to treble tax by the taxation department. But this is rarely exacted. The highest scale of income tax today is 12 shillings in the £1.

Were the full penalty exacted, the offender would pay not only the 12 shillings tax—if he were on the highest scale—but in addition 36 shillings or a total of £2.4s in the pound.

Last year, £107,000 was paid by offenders in penal tax.—China Mail Special.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, Children's Half Hour presented by Sally Ann (Studio); 6.30, Australian Trade Catalogue. The Fortnightly Review of Australian Industry; 6.45, Accent on Rhythm; 7.15, "Box 200" Bert Gillett at the organ (OB); 7.30, Announcer's Choice presented by Peter Cornish (Studio); 7.59, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal and The News (London Relay); 8.09, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 8.15, Overtures of Mozart — London Symphony Orchestra; 8.30, Oscar Rabin and his Band (BBCTS); 9, Time Signal. Off the Beaten Track presented by Timothy Birch (Studio); 9.30, Asian Club. "A World without Light" Speaker: Arthur R. Lloyd, Secretary-Manager of the South Wales Institution for the Blind (Recorded London Relay); 10, "International Cabaret" presented by Denise Brabant (Studio); 10.30, Take it from Here. Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards with Wallas Eaton, Alma Cogan, June Whitfield. Repeat of last Friday's Broadcast (BBCTS); 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal. Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.00, Goodnight Music; God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

5 p.m. Children's Corner—conducted by Auntie Vni; 6.30, Monday request; 6.28, Birthday mailbag; 6.30, La Musique Francaise—presented by Jeannette Piry; 7, Personality parade—Joe E. Howard; 7.15, Piano echoes—played by George Feyer; 7.30, Music by Roth—featuring the Allen Roth orchestra and chorus; 8, Time signal and the news (London Relay); 8.09, Weather report, announcements and interlude; 8.15, Polka parade; 8.30, Crime does not pay—starring Herbert Rudley; 9, Evening concert—Concerto No. 2 in F-minor, opus 21 (Chopin); 10, Bleak House; 10.15, Magic and moonlight — Hawaiian melodies; 10.30, Take it from here. Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards With Wallas Eaton, Alma Cogan, June Whitfield. Repeat of last Friday's broadcast (BBCTS); 11, Date with dreamland—featuring the Emile Cote Singers; 11.30, Prelude to midnight—popular concert melodies; 12, night, God Save The Queen. Close Down.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN — By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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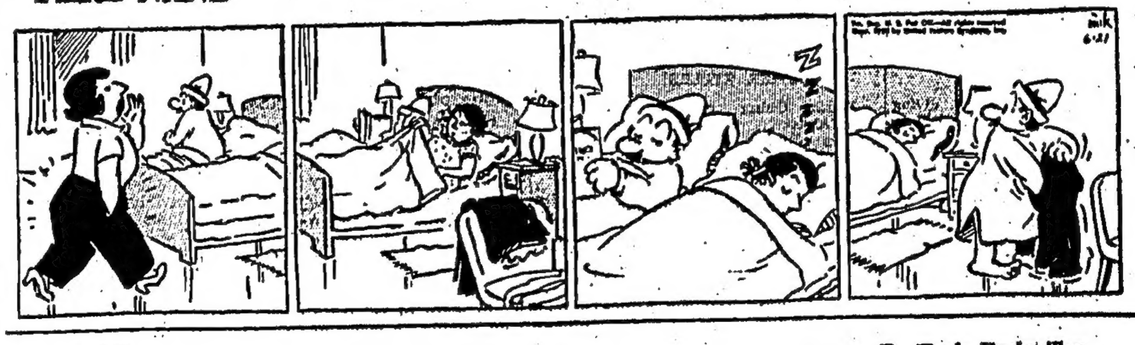

NANCY — By Ernie Bushmiller

JOHNNY HAZARD — By Frank Robbins

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

GRIM STORY OF INFLATION

British Labour Costs Have Risen 27%

From RONALD BOXALL

London, Aug. 21.

A slab of figures published by the Treasury last week told the grim story of inflation. And a remark attributed to the man who heads one of the most powerful trade union organisations in the land made it clear that the story has by no means ended.

The figure showed that British labour costs rose 27 per cent between 1948 and 1954. The rise was greatest in distribution (40 per cent) and building and contracting (32 per cent) and the smallest in transport and communications (12 per cent). In other words money incomes are rising much faster than output throughout the entire economy.

Yet within a few days of these figures being published Mr Harry Brotherton, President of the three million-strong Confederation of Engineering and Shipbuilding Unions—who are at this moment pressing claims for "substantial" wage increases, coupled with a demand for shorter hours and longer holidays with pay—was hinting at still further wage demands to come.

"So long as Mr Butler's policy maintains high prices and keeps the cost of living rising," he is reported to have said, "our pay demands will go on at regular intervals."

No Mention

If the engineers and shipbuilders intend to increase their output in line with any new pay increase which may be granted Mr Brotherton didn't mention it. And judging by their past performances it was not surprising.

Engineers are employed in nearly every section of British industry. So they are just as much concerned as other workers in the fact that while wages and salaries in industry generally rose by 56 per cent between 1948 and 1954, output rose only 29 per cent.

This shows just how misleading it is to relate wages to prices alone. What really happened is that labour costs in British industry have risen 27 per cent (a far greater increase than any of the countries with whom Britain competes in foreign trade); prices have risen to meet these higher costs and the wage-prices spiral has been given a few more twists.

Yet there is still no evidence that the trade unions have grasped the lesson of this experience: that higher wages and salaries must have an inflationary effect unless they are matched by higher production. Indeed, if Mr Brotherton's statement is any guide wage claims in the engineering and shipbuilding industries are to be used in the future as a political weapon against the party in power.

Such irresponsibility is exceptional. But even on the most charitable judgment British trade unionists have been acting in a misguided manner.

Rather More

Their frequent wage claims are based first and foremost on the desire to maintain their standard of living in face of constantly rising prices. Prudence rather than greed compels them to make each claim cover rather more than the preceding rise in prices.

But it is not enough to have motive. They must also have the power to push their claims through in the face of opposition from employers. And they have done this too in the face of brimfull employment—a term which describes the situation in which there are three vacancies for every job hunter.

This process of wages pursuing prices while output lags behind does no good to the individuals concerned. On the contrary it does them and the country immense harm. For the higher wages simply cause a new rise in labour costs which must be offset by further price increases. Thus the stage is set for the next act in the farce.

Tricky Situation

The deliberate policy of maintaining full employment had therefore led Britain into one of the most tricky economic situations it has ever faced. But that does not mean that the policy itself has failed. There are many people around these days who would care to support the theory that the economy cannot thrive without a "pool of unemployed." But there are many who believe that even virtually non-existent unemployment is not necessarily inconsistent with a stable economy if only the trade unions would count it as a blessing to be enjoyed and not as a weapon to be used whenever their aspirations are thwarted.

Trade unionists have every right to improve their standard of living. But they are not going about it in the right way The key to better living standard is higher production. Prices will then remain stable and higher pay will buy more goods.

Is it too much to expect Mr Brotherton and his colleagues in the trade union movement will yet grasp this simple truth and tell their followers about it?—London Express Service.

N.Y. COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By William T. Plunkett

New York, Aug. 21.

Cotton futures pulled in opposite directions last week as the nearby months scored good sized gains while the 1956 deliveries simultaneously weakened.

At Friday's close the list ruled up 20 to off 32 points.

Independent strength in nearby October was the dominant trading feature as the week ended. Shorts became increasingly uneasy as they watch the supplies of cotton available for contract delivery take a steep drop.

Certificated stock dwindled to 24,623 bales for a cut of more than 30,000 bales since August 1. The reduction, traders concluded, obviously lessens the chances for delivery of the low grades cotton which has been in the stock for some time. With the diminishing chances for tenders the October shorts withdrew or transferred to the later months.

Georgia Buying

Colour was given to that situation by reports that leading spot interests sold some 40,000 bales out of the certificated stock to Georgia mills for spinning purposes.

Nearbys also drew support from reports that corporative interests showed more activity in the cotton market and indicated they did not intend to hedge cotton at the 34-cent line.

Left in a state of uncertainty as to how disposal of the surplus finally will be handled, traders thought the upshot could well be that some legislation will be introduced in Congress when it reconvenes and that one step may be in the direction of lowered support prices.

The crop picture became mixed and not altogether favourable, according to some observers. The Government weekly summary said the crop was "in mostly good condition." However, rainy weather in the middle and Eastern belt led to increased speculation of a poor harvest in future. — United Press.

New York Stock Market Review

By Joseph Michalski

New York, Aug. 21.

For the stock market, the past week was one of the dullest in many months with lagging interest reflected both in price movement and in activity.

Trading averaged a low 1,454,774 shares for a weekly turnover of 7,273,870, smallest since the first week of 1954.

Pricewise, Monday and Tuesday saw routines; Wednesday and Thursday modest, rail-sparked advances, and Friday narrow irregularity, brightened by a late rally.

The net result for the week was an average loss of 3.44 to 45.57 for industrials, a gain of 0.90 to 154.99 for rails, a dip of 0.06 to 65.34 for utilities and a loss of 0.43 to 163.92 for the general market average. There were 1,402 issues traded—685 closed lower, 538 finished the week high and 179 held unchanged.

Thus, the market appears poised for a move either way, with Street concensus for a resumption of the advance after a further period of irregular selective trading.

Features

Features this past week included a brief whirl for rails, long neglected in the market's preoccupation with industrials. A flurry of interest lifted the carriers a point or so near the close on Wednesday and they held firm through the rest of the week although their performance was impressive mostly by its contrast with the rest of a very drab market. Union Pacific started with a four-point gain on the week.

Utilities were steady and without feature except for American Natural Gas which was lifted when its largest subsidiary received the go-ahead on a rate increase. It finished up nearly 2 points.

Copper stocks continued in demand on the strong outlook for the industry but realising paved renewed buying after several months out of the spotlight. Assurances of continued heavy defence appropriations and increasing interest in new equipment on the part of airlines provided the push. North American, and Curtiss-Wright stood out on the week with gains of a point and 2⅛ points respectively.

Industrials

Among industrials, several individual performances were newsworthy. Du Pont dropped sharply following its 25-cent dividend increase on Monday which disappointed the Street. It was off 6½ on the week. Underwood responded vigorously to a dividend increase and closed the week 1¾ higher.

Foremost dairies, listed last week, picked up 3½ points over its close on the over-counter market last Friday.

American Telephone lost 2 points as details of its 12-year 3⅞ per cent convertible debenture issue were released and when issued trading begun in the rights. They opened on Friday at 3 and rose to 3¼ on volume of 473,800.

The debentures also traded when issued, accounted for 3,902,000 of bond volume, on Friday and improved from $124⅝ to $126½.

Steels were mostly lower with declines ranging close to 2 points. Inland and Crucible countered with a 4⅝ points gain.

Motors were fractionally lower with General Motors paring a wide loss late Friday and closing down only ½ on the week.

Metals

Non-ferrous metals featured gains in aluminium shares and a 4⅝ rise in International Nickel as well as the copper gains.

Oils were mostly lower with Jersey Standard and Standard of California each off $3.

Activity centred in Rhodesian Selected Trust with a turnover of 127,000 shares. It closed at 6¾, up ⅛.—United Press.

ARGENTINA'S WHEAT BARGAIN

Buenos Aires, Aug. 21.

Argentina's wheat bargaining position received quite a boost last night with the signing of a four-year accord with Italy for the sale of 500,000 tons of wheat a year, with respect to the commencement of negotiations with a special trade mission from Brazil.

As is usual with such negotiations, everything is conducted in the greatest secrecy, and understandably, neither side ever lips its hand, save to release some trial balloon. Moreover, although the mission has been here a week the first meeting was only held yesterday. It began with a review of the working of the current trade agreement. Actual revision of the lists and prices is not really due until December next.

Under this agreement, Brazil will take up 1,200,000 tons of wheat always providing Argentina had a marketable surplus of 3,000,000 tons.

Just before the mission arrived reports were released to the foreign press that Brazil might buy US surplus wheat for cruzeiros. Some 500,000 tons was mentioned for a value of US$35,000,000.—United Press.

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Aug. 22.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

	Opening
Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd.	$1.60
British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate	4d/-
Consolidated Tin Smelters Ord.	30/-
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ord.	$1.67
Fraser & Neave Ltd. 7½% cum. pref	$0.90
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	$915
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	$7/6d
Kempas Ltd.	$1.70
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	$2.22
Malayan Breweries	$3.33
New Serandah Rubber Co. Ltd.	$1.60
Petaling Tin Ltd.	$4.50
Raffles Hotel	$2.30
Singapore Cold Storage	$1.67
South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	$26.00
Straits Trading	$33.00
Straits Streamship	$15.00
United Engineers Ord.	$10.00
Wearne Bros.	$2.72

—China Mail Special.

Jap Textile Threat

New York, Aug. 21.

The President of the American Cotton Manufacturers Institute, Inc. (ACMI) said today it is ironic that the Japanese realise the threat of their growing textile exports to the US textile industry while "our own State Department fails to recognise it."

Mr A. K. Winget, acknowledged reports that the Japanese Government and textile leaders are discussing instituting voluntary controls on exports of textile products to the United States.

He said ACMI had not been directly advised of the Japanese plan and could not comment in any detail.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	[illegible]
Sterling notes (per £1)	[illegible]
Australian notes (per $1)	[illegible]
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	[illegible]
Siam ticals (per 100)	[illegible]
Singapore ($Straits)	[illegible]
Indo-China piastres (per 100)	[illegible]

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to $280,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank	1730	1750	8 @ 1735, 5 @ 17.40
INSURANCES			
Union	1000		
Lombard	56	57	
Underwriters	10.30		
DOCKS, ETC.			
Dock		29.30	
Provident (O)	15.70	16.90	
Wheelock	8.70	8.85	
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	19.20		
HK Land	72	73	1000 @ 72½
RUBBER			
A. Rubber	2.17½	2.20	5000 @ 2.20
H. Trust	3.03	3.10	2000 @ 3.05, 27,000 @ 3.03
UTILITIES			
Tram	24.40	24.80	
Star Ferry	116	120	
C. Light (O)	22.40	22.80	740 @ 22½
C. Light (N)	17½	17.90	
Electric	41	41¾	200 @ 41½, 199 @ 41¼
Macao Elec	11½	11.70	500 @ 11.70
Telephone	32½		
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	33	33¼	100 @ 33¼
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	22.60	22.90	10 @ 22.60
Watson		15.60	
L. Crawford	37	37¾	
COTTONS			
Textile Corp.	5.30		
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yangtze	7.95	8.05	
Allied	5.65		

US-TEXTILE MARKETS

New York, Aug. 21.

Cotton goods traders this past week seemed to be approaching a common agreement—that prices are going higher.

That viewpoint strengthened when a number of mills raised wages and prepared for additional boosts when the new $1 an hour minimum wage law becomes effective on March 1, 1956.

Optimists banking on a broad scale revival of buying after the Labour Day holiday thought the tightening of credit regulations would react favourably for "soft goods" as consumers find a modification in the recent extra-liberal terms allowed for purchases of automobiles, homes, televisions and other hard goods."

The size of the cotton crop and the general abundance of raw material supplies was obscured to a degree by the high premium weavers and spinners continue to pay for wanted types of spot cotton.

Garment manufacturers were reported gradually building up heavy stocks of fabrics to be made into garments before the March 1 date, in order to get under the labour price wire.

Heavy Scramble

Some textile men predicted a heavy scramble for goods during Oct./Nov./Dec. in anticipation of this event. Signs of a trend that way have been apparent in the grey goods market. Splurges of buying have developed in print cloth yarn fabrics, sheetings, osnaburgs, tobacco cloth, denims, carded and combed twills and other types of goods.

Informed sources declared large chain stores, mail order, department store organisations and wholesalers have been quietly, but persistently striving to build up inventories.

While pricing prospects were uppermost, traders also kept a watchful eye on prospects for increased competition when the new and lowered tariff on Japanese goods becomes effective less than a month hence.

News that a 12-man delegation of Japanese textile manufacturers will journey to the US next month to convince American competitors there is no intention to flood the American market with cheap goods, and endeavour to avoid any consideration of an overall imposed quota, attracted much attention.—United Press.

US-JAPAN TUNA TALKS

Washington, Aug. 21.

Representatives of the Japanese and American tuna industries may meet in San Diego on Aug. 26, to discuss ways of increasing tuna consumption.

Government officials said final details on the meeting would have to come from industry sources on the West Coast. The Government will not have representatives at the meeting.

The proposed American-Japanese talks grew out of a letter written at the White House to Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel, presidential assistant Jack Martin took note of Sen. Kuchel's complaint that there was a "crisis" in the tuna industry. Mr Martin said that the State Department was prepared to suggest to Japan the possibility of a joint campaign to increase tuna consumption. — United Press.

GERMAN CAPITAL MARKET RECOVERY

Bonn, Aug. 21.

Striking evidence of the rapid recovery of the West German capital market is given in a report just issued by the Rheinmain Bank.

West German companies have issued or announced the impending issue of shares worth 1,100 million marks (about £91 million) during the first seven months this year, according to report.

Of this sum, 95 million marks (about £8,000,000) were issued in the form of bonus shares. The remainder was issued on the open market.

ONLY 460 M.

During the whole of 1954 the capital market was able to take up only 460 million marks (about £38,000,000) worth of new issues.

As recently as two years ago, companies found it almost impossible to raise money on the market owing to lack of confidence among investors, high taxation of shares earnings and the competition of public authorities, who offered high rates of interest or generous tax exemptions.

Industrial investment in the years since the currency reform of 1948 was mainly financed from companies reserves and from public sources. These included Marshal Aid and government finance.—Reuter.

AMERICAN COTTON EXPORTS

Washington, Aug. 21.

Japan, Britain and France were the biggest customers for American cotton during the 11 months ending July 1, the Department of Agriculture reported today.

During a period when United States cotton exports dropped four per cent compared to the previous year, official figures showed that only shipments to Spain, Britain, Yugoslavia, Canada and Korea increased substantially.

Japan took 658,000 bales; Britain and France each 344,000; Canada, 299,000; Italy, 248,000; Spain, 196,000; Korea, 150,000; Formosa, 120,000.

US exports picked up 22 per cent in June, reaching a level of 293,000 bales. But that was 25 per cent below the same month last year.

Between August 1954 and July 1955, the total was 3,523,000 bales, compared to 3,677,000 bales for the corresponding period the previous year.—United Press.

U.S. RAW COTTON EXPORTS

New York, Aug. 21.

Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in bales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1955-56 season to Aug. 16 were as follows:

Britain	[illegible]
Continent	[illegible]
Orient	[illegible]
Canada	[illegible]
Total for season	[illegible]
Same period last year	[illegible]

excluding linters.—United Press.

LONDON INVESTORS' QUANDARY

THEY KNOW NOT WHAT TO DO

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Aug. 21.

Investors are suffering from an overdose of facts and figures. A week or two ago they were certain that Britain was in for a nice long spell of mild inflation—the sort of situation in which money profits flourish. Now they are not so sure.

The uncertainty that descended on the London stock markets last week, bringing the daily number of "bargains" down from around 12,000 to 8,000, began on Monday when the Cabinet met to discuss the economic situation and deepened a day or two later when the Treasury revealed that there had been a much sharper increase than many people suspected in industry labour costs (due to money incomes rising faster than output).

This and a lot of other information that has recently come to hand about the current economic situation has left investors in serious doubt. The question they have been asking themselves is whether they have not underestimated the amount of inflation that is in the air and if so how long it will be before Chancellor Butler gets really tough.

Lacking the answer to both parts of this question they have decided that the safest thing to do is to wait and see. No serious selling developed last week, but with very few buyers about even the small amount of selling that took place was sufficient to bring prices down.

Dull Throughout

Industrial ordinary shares were dull throughout the week and the Financial Times index which had fallen from 209.2 to 205.7 on the previous Friday on the news that the Cabinet was to receive a report on the economic situation, fell further to 201.3 by last Thursday's close.

Gilt-edged stocks fared no better. War Loan 3½ per cent was down 27s 6d on the week to £76 17s 6d—its lowest for three years—and other stocks were also lower.

After losing ground on each of the preceding three days the Financial Times Index of Government securities touched the year's "low" on Thursday, when it stood at 90.69—only a fraction of a point higher than the all-time low reached in June 1952.

Oil shares experienced much the same sort of conditions as industrial shares, but mining issues had things rather better—at least in the early part of the week. Coppers advanced on the record high price of the metal and renewed investment demand in the market short of stock, while South African gold shares were helped by Continental buying. By Friday, however, the market was so demoralised that copper shares eased despite the fact that the commodity reached yet another peak on the nearby Metal Exchange.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Partners

ADVERSITY had made friends of them. They came from different parts of the country, had different backgrounds, and 30 years separated them in age.

But in common they had the fact that each had known adversity and both were very poor.

Their names were Cyril and Fred. Cyril was the older, and with Fred he worked in the back regions of a quiet hotel.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

A DAY came recently when Cyril, the older man fell ill. There was nothing seriously wrong with him, but he clearly was too sick to work. He would have to go, the hotel said.

Fred discovered within himself a sudden and strange and splendid loyalty. "If Cyril goes, I go too," he announced to the hotel. His resignation was accepted.

Cyril packed his bag. Fred's packing problem was simpler. All his possessions would fit into his pockets.

The two men went to Victoria Station. At the back of their minds was the thought that down on the South Coast there must be seasonal jobs in plenty in the kitchens of hotels and restaurants.

FRED'S WORSE SELF

ON the station, Cyril left Fred for a few moments. "Keep an eye on my case, mate," he said, as he went away. "Sure," Fred said.

But in the little time that his friend was absent, Fred's worse self took control of him. "You're a mug, that's what you are," his worse self said.

"If it wasn't for Cyril, your so-called friend, you'd still be working in that quiet hotel, instead of being on your way to look for a job on the coast that probably doesn't exist."

Fred tried to shake off his growing discontent. His worse self whispered an idea. Fred obeyed. He marched off from the station with Cyril's bag that contained all the older man's possessions.

HOME TOWN

FRED headed south, over the river. He met a man who gave him £1 for Cyril's case and most of its contents.

Fred parcelled up what was left, then he made his way up to Lincolnshire, his home county. On the Lincolnshire coast he felt certain he would be able to find a job.

It was no new thing for Fred, a sad-looking little man in his middle forties, to know that the police might be interested in his whereabouts. He had eight previous convictions for petty thefts, and had several times been sent to prison.

It was not fear of the consequences of his crime that led Fred to act as he did, when he safely reached the Lincolnshire resort where he meant to settle for the summer.

CONSCIENCE

HE had hardly reached the town before the enormity of the crime he had committed, not against society but against his old friend Cyril, hit fair and square and numbed him.

Hardly knowing what he was about he walked into the local police-station and gave himself up.

He was brought back to London, pleaded guilty to his theft at Bow Street, and said to Mr R. H. Blundell, the magistrate: "Somehow I had this on my conscience, so I reported to the police."

"A very mean crime," said the magistrate. "Go to prison for four months."

Fred nodded and went away to the cells. His crime had been mean. The sentence was just. But Fred went away with a lighter step than that with which he had come into the court. He was already beginning to be on speaking terms with his better self again.

New Hopes For Release Of Americans

Washington, Aug. 21.

US officials expressed hope today that Russia's decision to release three American prisoners will spur Red China to free the 41 Americans it holds.

Meanwhile, a spokesman said, the State Department has no plans to make a diplomatic protest over the shooting down of an unarmed US trainer plane in Korea.

He said the matter will be handled by Maj-Gen. Harlan C. Parks, UN delegate to the joint military armistice commission who already has charged the Communists with an "unprovoked and murderous attack."

The US has protested similar incidents in the past through British channels since it does not maintain diplomatic relations with Red China or North Korea.

CONVENIENT FORUM

In the case, the spokesman said, the armistice commission affords a "convenient" forum for lodging the protest.

The attack, in which one officer was killed and another seriously injured, occurred over the demilitarised zone of Korea.

Other American officials said the US will try hard this week to persuade Red China to follow Russia's lead and agree to the prompt release of the 41 Americans held by the Chinese.

The next session of the deadlocked Geneva negotiations with Red China will be held on Tuesday. Officials here are hoping that the release of the three Americans imprisoned for years in Russia will have some influence on the Chinese Communists.—United Press.

Kai Tak Scheme Explained

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"The intention is to use local raw materials whenever prices are comparable (with those ruling overseas). We find there are many enterprising manufacturers who are offering to supply us with almost anything including steel and steel plate.

"Once tip lorries, excavators, dredgers, crushers, compressors and other technical equipment have been brought in, the rest of the material will be obtained locally except for things that are not produced here, like bitumen. The result is the bulk of the labour and material costs will come back to Hongkong."

Brigadier Westrop said he expected there would be no language difficulties in this project of Anglo-French co-operation. A sufficient number of men in both companies were bi-lingual but if the need for interpreters arose, there would be no hesitation in employing them.

Brigadier Westrop said the contract with the Hongkong Government had been initialled and agreed to, but had not yet been signed. This was a formality, he added, which would take place in about a month's time when the agreement was printed.

Jersey Registers 91 Degrees

London, Aug. 21.

The highest temperature recorded so far this year in the British Isles was reached today at Jersey (Channel Islands) where it rose to 91 degrees Fahrenheit.

The previous highest temperature recorded this year was 88 degrees Fahrenheit at Kensington Palace, on July 17.

A number of places on the south and west coasts of Britain had temperatures well into the 80's today, although the average for this time of the year is only about 70 degrees.—China Mail Special.

BOMBERS CRASH

Greenville, Alabama, Aug. 21.

Two Air Force B-26 bombers crashed in a heavily wooded area near here last night after apparently colliding in flight. Three of the four men aboard were killed, and the fourth was listed as missing.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"Oh, stop worrying, Henry! You said yourself the man who filled in on your vacation last year did a grand job!"

JETPLANES ATTACK SHIP DESPITE HER NINE UNION JACKS

The British freighter Taichungshan (2,171 tons), which had a narrow escape from an attack by unidentified jetplanes south of Swatow yesterday morning arrived in Yaumati Bay this morning.

One of the officers on duty at the time of the attack said the planes flashed over the ship machine-gunning it but there were no casualties and no damage was reported.

The attack took place despite the fact that nine Union Jacks were painted on various parts of the vessel and were visible from every angle.

The Taichungshan was on her way to Hongkong from Swatow with a load of general cargo when it was attacked. The ship was then steaming off Breaker Point, 40 miles south of Swatow.

FROM STARBOARD

The officer on duty at the time of the attack said this morning he heard a sudden barrage of machine-gun fire coming from the starboard side of the ship.

He then saw two jetplanes, sweeping over the ship from the same direction. They made only one run and did not come back. The officer said the reason for this was that the pilots of the aircraft possibly realised they were within range of shore batteries as the ship's position at that time was only about five miles from shore.

It was a foggy morning, the officer said, and he was not aware of the planes until he heard the gun fire.

The Taichungshan plies between Hongkong and Swatow twice a week.

She is manned by a crew of 55, commanded by Captain C.L.V. Dury. Two other Britons on board are the chief mate Mr Frank Spurr and the chief engineer Mr C.A. Howard.

Owned by the Shun Cheong S.N. Company, the Taichungshan will leave for Swatow again tomorrow.

Film Star Passes Through HK

The popular Japanese film actress, Miss Kyo Machiko, star of the prize winning films "Gate of Hell" and "Rashamon", flew into the Colony by PAA from Tokyo early this morning for a couple of hours stop-over before proceeding to Europe.

Accompanied by Mr Matsutaro Kawaguchi, Managing Director of the Daiei Motion Picture Company, Miss Machiko is on her way to Venice to attend the Film Festival, after which she will tour Europe and the United States.

Dressed in a pink coloured cheong-sam, the 20-year-old unmarried actress told reporters in Japanese that she was very happy to be able to meet Western people and to exchange ideas with them.

Asked if she had any plans for marriage she said that she would like to get married one day but she had no one in mind at the present.

"It is a very difficult problem," she added coyly.

Her favourite American film actor and actress are Joseph Cotten and Jennifer Jones. She rates as the most enjoyable picture "A star is born".

Among those at the airport this morning to meet Miss Machiko and Mr Kawaguchi were members of the local film colony.

Cheung Chau Bully

Kong Sang 36, who was described as a common bully on the island of Cheung Chau, was brought to justice this morning when he was charged with common assault before Mr Hinshing Lo at the Central Magistracy.

Defendant is a tenant at 124 Tai Sin Bark Street. He was ordered to pay $25 compensation to the complainant, Chiu Tip-soon, and in addition, he was fined $30 or seven days and bound over in $200 for one year.

The prosecuting officer said that on August 10, defendant went to the house of the complainant whereupon he was asked to pay his rent which was due for quite a long time. The answer the accused gave was to hit Chiu on the chest with his fists. Complainant ran into an inner room hotly pursued by the defendant. A report was made to the Cheung Chau Police and the accused was arrested.

His Worship said that kind of behaviour was highly irregular, and that accused should have more sense than to hit an old man.

"Hoax" Officers Reposted

Rhyl, North Wales, Aug. 21.

The four young Army officers who confessed to a "hoax" raid on a military camp here last week, have been dealt with and posted to other stations, it was stated tonight.

A sergeant-major at the camp said he had been authorised by the War Office in London to state this.

He would not add to the statement and refused to give the names of the officers.—China Mail Special.

THE BECKER TRIAL

Accused Of Killing Evelyn Fung

PROSECUTION'S STORY

The story of a love affair between two young people—one the accused, the other the deceased—was supplied as background in a murder trial by Crown Counsel, Mr Desmond Mayne at the Criminal Session this morning.

In the dock before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg was 22-year-old James Richard Becker, who pleaded not guilty to the murder of 21-year-old Evelyn Fung, alias Fung Wai-lin, whose body was found on a piece of vacant ground adjoining the Tang King Po School in Mission Road on the morning of May 20.

Mr Mayne read a letter said to have been written by the accused in which he declared his love for Evelyn, confessed to the killing and announced his intention of committing suicide.

Becker is being defended by Mr Richard Winter (instructed by Mr F. W. Ko) with Maj. F. J. Williams of the Army Legal Department (accused was an RASC driver) also present.

When the Jury of five men and two women were empanelled the Judge, at the request of Mr Mayne, asked them whether any of them wished to be excused on the ground that they held such views in relation to the death penalty as to make it difficult for them to return a proper verdict.

None of the Jury asked to be excused.

Giving the facts of the case, Mr Mayne said that the deceased was best known by the name of Evelyn Fung. She came from a very highly respected family, the Fung family, and lived with her three brothers at 482 Nathan Road.

She worked as secretary to the Rev. Haig Brown, a padre at the Missions to Seamen in Hongkong. At the time of her death she was 21.

The accused, at the time of the offence was employed as a driver in the RASC and was aged 22, continued Mr Mayne. He came from a very respectable family, the Becker family, who resided at 9 Jordan Road.

DEEP AFFECTION

Crown Counsel went on "You will hear that the accused and the deceased met for the first time some two years ago and apparently almost at once became very friendly and saw a great deal of each other. The friendship deepened into what was a very deep affection which these two young persons had for each other.

"In these two years they met very very frequently indeed and in the last year the deceased was away from her home for some days and some nights, and you will have evidence that on a number of occasions they stayed together at a hotel called the Honour where the accused registered under the name of "Brown." This is the background of these two young persons in connection with this case.

"This love affair, friendship, or whatever you like to call it, apparently was punctuated by very frequent and rather violent quarrels and of course with reconciliations which followed these quarrels.

NOT ACCEPTED

"Apparently, because the Fung family never approved of this friendship, the accused was never allowed into the Fung house. Whenever they wanted to meet the accused telephoned and waited outside the house. He was never an accepted person for the hand of the deceased according to the Fung family's ideas.

"In May this year there appears to have been a cooling-off of the friendship, at least on the part of the deceased for the accused. You will gather from the evidence that there was an urge on her part to break off the relationship with the accused.

"About this time she became friendly with a young man called Bowyer who is in the Army here, and he frequently used to visit the Missions to Seamen. He spent a fortnight's leave at the Mission, stayed there at the end of April. During his visits there he met the deceased and became friendly. It is clear from the evidence that the accused came to know of this friendship.

ACCUSED WARNED

"You will hear that on May 16 there was a conversation between the Rev. Haig Brown and the accused. The Rev. Haig Brown told the accused that it was the wish of the deceased to break off association with him altogether and did not want to see him again. The padre also took upon himself to warn the accused of the course of action he himself would take if the accused continued to pester the deceased.

"Also on May 18 Bowyer and the deceased went out for the first time. They went for a walk first, and then to a picture, and arranged for a further meeting the next day.

"On May 19 Bowyer called for the deceased at her home at about 6 p.m. They crossed by the Star Ferry to the Island where they went to the Missions to Seamen. They had an ice cream and spoke to the Rev. Haig Brown and then went to a film which was being shown at the Mission. After the film Bowyer and the deceased crossed over to Kowloon by the Star Ferry and went as far as the home of the deceased.

"Bowyer will tell you that as they approached the entrance, the accused appeared from out of the doorway and approached and accosted them. The accused pushed the deceased and a certain amount of quarrelling ensued, as a result of which a crowd collected.

GOT ON BUS

"It appears that the deceased eventually managed to get away upstairs by herself. Bowyer went to catch a bus. He was followed by the accused who first of all tried to prevent him from getting on and when he was unable to do that, himself got on the bus with Bowyer. There was a conversation between them during which the accused tried to ascertain what Bowyer was going to do and in particular whether he was going to tell the Rev. Haig Brown what had happened.

"A little later the accused got off the bus and said he was going back to the home of the deceased. Bowyer became worried and telephoned the flat of the deceased when he got off the bus. During this telephone conversation he heard noises of banging and ringing indicating that someone was trying to get into the flat forcibly. Bowyer telephoned the Police but unfortunately he gave the wrong address and the Police went to the wrong address and of course there was no disturbance there. It was an unfortunate thing to have occurred that night."

Mr Mayne said that on that night in the Fung house there was an amah, an invalid, Mrs Mak, and Evelyn Fung's younger brother, aged nine or ten years. Her other brothers were out celebrating a birthday.

DRAGGED DOWNSTAIRS

As to the amah's evidence, of the ringing and banging of the door that night, he said: "She will tell you that the deceased opened the door whereupon the amah saw the accused in the doorway. He dragged the deceased out of the flat and down the stairs. The deceased gave a couple of screams and they disappeared. When the amah went down the stairs later to look for them they had gone.

"The next we know of the accused and the deceased comes from the evidence of the conductor of a bus which runs from Jordan Road towards Kowloon City. He will tell you that a couple whom he can identify as the accused and the deceased got on at Gascoigne Road. The time was then shortly after 11 p.m.

"They got off at Tam Kung Road. You will have evidence that while on the bus they gave indications of quarrelling. When they got off the bus they argued. I told the conductor which they were going for a walk. That was the last occasion when the deceased was seen alive, except, of course, by her murderer.

"Her body was found the next morning on a piece of waste ground at the back of the Tang King Po School which is in Mission Road. She was lying on the ground and she had died as the result of asphyxia by strangulation. The time the doctors think to be most likely when her death occurred was three or four o'clock in the morning.

PHONE CALL

"You will hear evidence from the sister of the accused that she was awakened about this time and saw the accused moving about in the Becker home.

"The following morning this sister received a telephone call from the accused in the course of which he told her that he had murdered the deceased.

"About 9.30 that morning the accused telephoned the Fung household. He spoke to the amah and gave the same story that he had murdered the deceased and that he was going to kill himself. During the day there were a number of telephone conversations between the accused and the amah when he told her how he had done it, and where he had left the body.

"In that same morning the sister of the accused found on the bed of the accused a letter addressed to his family. She did not read the letter herself, but she brought it to her brother, who is a Sub-Inspector in the Police Force. She and the Sub-Inspector both identified the letter as being in the handwriting of the accused."

THE LETTER

Telling the Jury that some of the grammar in the letter was not quite correct, Mr Mayne read it to them:

"To my family—Mother, I am sorry for what I have done last night to Evelyn and I am sorry for what I will do this morning to myself. You see as you all know that Evelyn is the only girl I love and the only thing I got to live for. But I went to her house as you know. And I saw her with a man was walked back to her house. So I killed her with my two hands. And I will be killing myself for her since I am no good with my love. Maybe now you, Ronald, Betty, Junior and Grace know why I always get so angry with you people because Evelyn is the only thing I got to live for. And now again I am killed her. I shall go with her maybe we will meet again I hope we will because up to now I know I will be dying within a few hours I still love only her. Now you folk guess why I leave the Army. It was because Evelyn went out with other man. I hope you all will forgive me for whatever I have cause the house for this will be the last time I shall have anything to do with the house.

"Mother if you like, burn me up just like Evelyn. Try to fine out where Evelyn baby will go and try to put me near her that one.

"Junior I thank you and Grace for what you both have done for me. I hope Ronald will pass his exam. Then mother will be happy.

"With all best wishes to the rest of the BECKER family. With all my luck to you folk.—Your son and brother, James Richard Becker.

"To my mother and Sis, and brother, From your son and brother, J. R. Becker. I love Evelyn."

Crown Counsel then went on with the sequence of events:

After these telephone messages were received and after the letter was read by the Police, of course the hunt was on, and all the machinery of the Police force was thrown into action in an effort to trace the whereabouts of the accused.

"On the same day he was traced to the Shamrock Hotel. A Police party went there. The Hotel was surrounded and the Police went to the eighth floor and there in Room 806 the accused was arrested.

"He was brought to the Police station and on the way there he said certain things to the Police which will be told in evidence. He was charged with murder and cautioned and in answer to the charge he made a statement."

Mr Mayne read this statement signed by the accused: "I did kill Miss Evelyn Fung on May 20, 1955 at 3 a.m."

Turning to the law, Crown Counsel said that for the purposes of the present case murder meant "the unlawful intentional killing of the deceased." He said they were not concerned with premeditation or motive but with the intentional act on the part of the accused which caused the death of the girl at the time he intended to kill her.

He asked the Jury would bring in a true verdict unswayed by pity or emotion.

The trial is proceeding.

Doctor Has Lucky Escape In Double Tram Crash

Lee Sheung Bui, tram-driver, of 9 Tang Lung Street, was found guilty on a charge of failing to stop his tram to avoid impending danger by Mr Thomas Tam at the Central Magistracy this morning.

He was fined $50 or seven days.

Sub-Inspector C. D. Mayger prosecuted.

Dr H. P. Karanjia told the court that on May 11, he was a passenger in his brother's car which was travelling along Kings Road from West to East.

At the junction of Lau Sin Street, the driver slowed down his car and put out the car indicator to show that he was going to turn into the street. The car was at that moment motionless on the tram tracks.

A few seconds later, he heard a loud noise at the rear of the car, and in another moment, there was a thunderous noise as the tram rammed the rear of the car.

This was not all. The impact sent their car flying into the track of an oncoming tram on the other side. This tram rammed the front mudguard of the car.

DAMAGE SEVERE

The result of these two crashes was that the car was squashed between the two trams. The damage to the car was severe, but no one inside was seriously hurt and they all escaped with only minor bruises and cuts.

Defendant said he did not notice the indicator on the car, but he knew that it was intending to turn into Lau Sin Street. He said he did apply his emergency brakes when he saw the car was directly in his tracks but the accident was inevitable by then.

His Worship told the defendant that driving was a complicated matter, but all drivers had to think not only of themselves, but of others.

He said he knew the place where the accident occurred was especially trencherous, but the defendant must be more careful in future.

Reporter Charged With Indecent Assault

Pleading not guilty to a charge of indecent assault, Reginald Gonzales, 27, was placed on $500 bail when he appeared before Mr J. E. Durling at Central this morning.

Defendant, who claimed to be a newspaper reporter, was alleged to have indecently assaulted a Chinese woman, Yung Wai-ling, in Johnston Road on August 20. A further hearing of the case will be held on November 1, at 2.30 p.m.

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